

LISTENING COMPREHENSION: THE ETIQUETTE OF SOCIAL KISSING

Watch this video about social kissing and answer the following questions:

1. In Good Morning America, the *anchorwoman describes an awkward moment when you get to a party. Why is it awkward for some people to greet your host or hostess?
2. The British are described as "buttoned-up". What do you think it means?
3. Laura Ford is a British artist. Does she kiss people she doesn't know? Choose from the options below and justify your answer.
a. always b. never c. sometimes
4. According to Hillary Brown, social kissing in France might be getting out of control. Why?
5. Social Kissing is taught at some schools. Which ones?
6. What are some of the rules of kissing taught at these schools?
7. How are Americans and Latins different as regards social kissing?
8. At the end of the clip, the anchorman apologizes. Why?

anchorman/anchorwoman = a person who presents and coordinates a live television or radio programme involving other contributors.

The main anchorman in El Hormiguero is Pablo Motos

ANSWERS .

1. Because you do not know whether you are supposed to kiss on one cheek or kiss on two cheeks or not kiss at all, or hug.
2. It means that they are thought to be very conservative as regards manners
3. c. Sometimes. She says she never kisses anybody she doesn't know unless she has had some drinks.
4. Because they kiss when they arrive, when they leave, and everybody kisses everybody.
5. The etiquette schools
6. a) you don't kiss the cheek, you kiss the air b). you need to make a movement which looks as if you've kissed c) the kiss on the hand is only for married women d) you don't kiss the hand
7. Latins kiss you straightaway whereas Americans are more uptight about kissing each other.

8. He apologizes to everyone he kissed right on the cheek this holiday . He says" I'd like to apologize to everyone I pressed my lips against this holiday. I didn't know you were no supposed to".

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