

## Homework September second week

Hello dear students. =)

This week you will learn about British's culture.

1) Read the text and then answer the questions in your notebook.

# Don't touch! We are English!



English people think that you should avoid physical contact with strangers. When they ride on an underground train or stand in a crowded lift, they keep themselves to themselves. They read on trains or buses so that they don't have to talk to people they don't know. They avoid eye contact at all costs.

Research has shown that the English are much more conscious of their personal space than other nationalities, especially the Irish or the Scots, who seem more at ease with physical contact. The English allow much less contact, even with friends. And they can be upset if you touch them unexpectedly. You should never, for example, tap an English person on the shoulder if you want to attract their attention. It's safer to cough or say: 'Excuse me?'

When the English meet people for the first time, they shake hands, but then immediately move further away. Other nationalities, Spanish people or Egyptians, for example, move closer to someone they are speaking to, but not the English. The English think you shouldn't get too close because it suggests intimidation. And they rarely kiss people they have just met at a party when they are leaving.

2) The underlined words are keywords. Make a drawing of each one

<u>physical contact</u>	<u>eye contact</u>	<u>tap an English person on the shoulder</u>	<u>shake hands</u>	<u>Cough</u>

**3) Answer the next questions, according to the text**

- What is the main characteristic of the British people?
- What the British people do when they are in public transportation?
- What should you never do to attract their attention?
- What happens after shaking hands with a British citizen?
- In contrast to the British people. What Spanish people or Egyptians do?