

How often do you touch people?

ENGLISH READING NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

1 VOCABULARY

touchy	
to miss out	
to reveal	
to avoid	
the acquaintance	
casual	
the tip	
to be engaged in	
significant	
to back away	
to increase	
to trigger	
the counsellor	
to relieve	
to withdraw	
the frown	
the supply	
the treatment	

mit etwas beschäftigt sein - vermeiden - Berater - lindern - lässig, locker - verpassen - Zufuhr - Stirnrunzeln - vergrößern - Abstand nehmen - Trinkgeld - (sich)entziehen - Bekanntschaft - bedeutend - offenbaren - empfindlich - auslösen - Behandlung

2 CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER

a) Dr Jourard...

- spent three hours in each coffee shop.
- recorded 110 touches in Puerto Rico.
- saw more touches in the US than in Britain.

b) A touch...

- can help waitresses get bigger tips.
- makes patients more afraid of treatment.
- is always welcome.

c) People...

- enjoy a pumping handshake.
- like routine, ritual hugs.
- give off signals when they do not want to be touched.

d) When you smile...

- you get a pain in your jaw.
- it reduces the blood flow in your face.
- it makes you feel better.

e) When you frown...

- you feel better.
- it restricts the blood supply.
- it triggers the production of happy chemicals.

3 FIND THE RIGHT WORD

a) A smile increases blood...	
b) to become tight	
c) to do naturally, without thinking	
d) People that you know but do not know very well	
e) the opposite of a smile	
f) very sensitive	
g) Some people do not like a pumping....	

4 DISCUSSION

- 1) How do you greet people in your country?
- 2) When is it appropriate to touch people? In which situations or which persons?
- 3) What can you learn about a person from their body language?
- 4) Should you eat all the food you are given when you visit someone?
- 5) Are there any other social rules you can think of?
- 6) Do politeness and good manners really matter?
- 7) Did your parents have the same social rules? What different social rules did they have?