

# Smiling Receptionist frowns on people who ignore or are rude to her

DEAR ABBY: I am working temporarily as a receptionist. I get tired of greeting people, but I put on a smile and do it. But it upsets me when I make contact with someone and say, "Good morning," only to have him or her look away and ignore me.

Would it be OK to say, "Excuse me, I said, 'Good morning'?" If not, how do you suggest dealing with rude people like these? I think they should be made aware of their poor manners. But how?

Too many people think it's all right to grunt inaudibly, or worse, completely ignore the greeting. — TIREDF OF SMILING, RICHMOND, VA.

DEAR TIREDF OF SMILING: As a receptionist, your job is to offer a smiling, friendly welcome for your employer when clients walk in the door. Of course, the usual and proper response to a courteous and friendly greeting is to return it. People who don't are rude — or may have serious problems on their minds. However, it is NOT your job to teach them good manners, something their mothers should have done years ago. My advice to you is to keep smiling, and also keep looking for a job you find more fulfilling.

DEAR ABBY: My father died suddenly a short time ago. Ever since, I have been having a hard time trying to



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sort out my feelings. I have yet to break down and cry, and I don't know how to say goodbye to a man who meant so much to me and my siblings. He was a great man, my hero, and the only man I have ever wanted to be like.

Abby, I feel guilty about not having broken down and cried yet. I want those feelings to come, but they won't. Please give me some advice. — GORDON IN IOWA

DEAR GORDON: Please accept my condolences for the loss of your father. There is no "right" or "wrong" way to grieve. Death is something that affects different people in different ways. Sometimes the survivors feel numb, which may be why it's hard for you to cry.

Please do not feel guilty about this. Joining a grief support group might help you in getting through this period. However, the last thing you need on top of the pain of your loss right now is to beat yourself up because you haven't behaved in a fashion you thought you "should" have.

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law never stops bragging about her kids. And these brats constantly compete to be the center of attention, spitefully putting my children down at family gatherings.

My mother-in-law spends a lot of extra time with these kids because they are involved in athletics. My children are about the same age, but when I'm around my mother-in-law, all she talks about are the niece and nephew. She never asks about my children. I have taken to politely excusing myself when she does this, or when my sister-in-law starts bragging, or her kids start drawing attention to themselves.

Is this the proper way to handle this problem? — READY TO SCREAM IN OLYMPIA, WASH.

DEAR READY TO SCREAM: Your sister-in-law appears to be a natural when it comes to public relations. Surely your own children have some accomplishment that you can pipe up and mention at these family gatherings.

Leaving the room is not the way to handle this. Speaking up and talking about what caring, thoughtful, creative children your children are is something you should have started doing long ago.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 26 and have never wanted children. Last year, how-

ever, two lines appeared on a pregnancy test and 41 weeks later the girl was born. I pleaded and begged my husband throughout the pregnancy to sign adoption papers with me. He refused. He is in the military and was gone through most of the last seven months. We now live thousands of miles from my family, and I am miserable, stuck with a colicky baby who still doesn't sleep through the night.

I find no joy, no pleasure and no love being a mother. I can't sleep knowing I must wake up to a crying baby and the same routine of feeding, diapers, baths and bottles. I have become more and more detached from the girl and have nothing to enjoy. Showers are short. Dinners are rushed and usually cold. I can't even enjoy a cup of coffee without looking over my shoulder to see where the girl is. I don't want her to touch me, and I can barely hide my revulsion when I have to pick her up.

I am exhausted beyond belief, and my thoughts are turning darker every day. It's not the girl's fault she was born, but I can't help feeling resentment and anger toward this little person who more and more resembles a block of concrete on my feet.

We can't afford day care, and we have no friends or relatives remotely close by. I can't stand to wake up much longer, and these long stretches of cry-

ing have my nerves shot and my hands itching to shake the girl until she shuts up. (I have never shaken her.)

I'm scared of my feelings. What's wrong with me? Why can't I love my child? Should I put her in foster care? My husband can't stand her, either, but he's adamant that we keep her. Yet I'm suffering, and so is she. She deserves a mother who loves her. — GOING CRAZY IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR GOING CRAZY: It is not a crime not to feel maternal — not everyone is. In a case like yours, adoption might have been the better option. I wish you had included your name, address or a phone number so I could have contacted you directly. Because you didn't, I can only recommend that before another day goes by, you contact the doctor who delivered your daughter, or her pediatrician, and repeat what you have told me. You may be suffering from post-partum depression, a hormonal condition that is treatable, and you may need a respite from motherhood.

Once your chemistry is balanced again, consider making a trip to visit your family for a few weeks. If you leave the baby with your husband, and he must assume responsibility for her care in your absence, he may begin to see the wisdom of placing her with a family who really wants her and is will-

ing to accept the responsibility that goes along with having a baby. Please don't wait.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 17-year-old girl and a senior in high school this year. I don't have many friends because I have never been part of the "in" crowd, so I am very grateful for the few true friends I have. In particular, I appreciate my friendship with an older man whom I met through my local youth group. He has been my friend and mentor throughout my high school years, and I would like to do something to show my appreciation for his friendship.

What would be an appropriate way to thank him for being my friend and role model? — THANKFUL FOR FRIENDSHIP IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR THANKFUL: An excellent way to show your appreciation would be to write him a letter telling him what a difference his caring and friendship have made in your life during these important years. It will be something he can keep and enjoy over and over again for a lifetime.

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## SATURDAY EVENING

		6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30
E S		E = Eagle Cable				S = S&T Telephone					
36 47	A&E	Cold Case Files (TVPG) (R)		Cold Case Files A murder case. (TVPG) (R)		Justice: The Jonesboro Schoyard Ambush (Hartnett. Epic restaging of KAKE News at 10 (R) (HD)		American Justice: A Deadly Dose (TVPG) (R)		Cold Case Files (TVPG) (R)	
4 6	ABC	"Pearl Harbor" ('01, Drama) ★★ Ben Affleck, Josh Hartnett. Epic restaging of the sneak attack on the U.S. naval base. (PG-13) (R) (HD)		Wild Kingdom: Wolverine Revealed (TV G)		Profiles of Nature: Wild Superpowers (TV G)		Big Cat Magic A look at "Jubilee". (TV G)		Entertainment Tonight (R) (HD)	
26 54	ANPL	Profiles of Nature: Wild Superpowers (TV G)		Big Cat Magic A look at "Jubilee". (TV G)		Wild Kingdom: Wolverine Revealed (TV G)		Profiles of Nature: Wild Superpowers (TV G)		Big Cat Magic A look at "Jubilee". (TV G)	
63 67	BRAVO	Project Runway (R)		"The Silence of the Lambs" ('91) An FBI trainee tries to convince a psychopathic genius to help solve murders. (HD)		"The Silence of the Lambs" FBI trainee uses killer to solve case. (R) (HD)		News (N)		Without a Trace: More than This (R) (HD)	
7 11	CBS	NFL Football Exhibition: Buccaneers at Jaguars (Live) (HD)		Extreme Engineering: Big Easy Rebuild (TV G)		Extreme Engineering: Schoyard Ambush (TV G)		MythBusters Alarm tests. (TVPG) (R)		Killer Hurricanes Katrina life cycle. (TVPG) (R)	
55 42	DISC	Killer Hurricanes Katrina life cycle. (TVPG) (R)		Extreme Engineering: Big Easy Rebuild (TV G)		Extreme Engineering: Schoyard Ambush (TV G)		MythBusters Alarm tests. (TVPG) (R)		Killer Hurricanes Katrina life cycle. (TVPG) (R)	
33 56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)		Naturally (TV G)		Life Derek (TV G)		Zack & Cody (R)		Hannah (R)	
49 66	EITV	The 2006 Creative Arts Awards		Saturday Night (HD)		Dazed and Confused		MythBusters Alarm tests. (TVPG) (R)		Killer Hurricanes Katrina life cycle. (TVPG) (R)	
22 28	ESPN	Little League World Series (HD)		Baseball Tonight (HD)		SportsCenter (HD)		Baseball Tonight (HD)		Baseball	
23 29	ESPN2	U.S. Open Series (HD)		WNBA Basketball Game #2 (Live)		MLS Soccer (Live)		MLS Soccer (Live)		MLS Soccer (Live)	
32 58	FAM	"Deliver Us from Eva" (HD)		Gigolo falls for Eva (HD)		"Deliver Us from Eva" (HD)		Gigolo falls for Eva (HD)		Kyle XY (TV14) (HD)	
35 -	FMC	"The Scout" ('94, Comedy) ★★ Albert Brooks.		"Wisdom" ('86) Emilio Estevez, Demi Moore.		"The Scout" ('94) ★★		"The Scout" ('94) ★★		"The Scout" ('94) ★★	
53 45	FOOD	Emeril Live (TV G) (R)		Bringing Back the Bayou New Orleans. (TV G)		Iron Chef America: Batali vs. Besh (R)		Bringing Back the Bayou New Orleans. (R)		Iron Chef America: Batali vs. Besh (R)	
13 7	FOX	Cops (TV14) (R)		America's Most Wanted (TVPG)		St. Elsewhere: Ewe Can't Go Home Again (TV G)		Blind Date (TVPG)		Blind Date (TVPG)	
27 25	FX	70s		"Planet of the Apes" Intelligent primates rule over man.		"The Rundown" ('03) ★★½ Mob son sought.		Rockies Rodeo (Taped)		F. Score (HD)	
30 27	FXSP	MLB Baseball Padres at Rockies (Live)		MASH		MASH		MASH		MASH	
- 60	HALL	"Columbo" ('78) ★★½ "McBride: Murder Past Mid."		MASH		MASH		MASH		MASH	
5 -	HBO	Lucky Louie (TV14)		Assume (TV14)		"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" ('05) ★★½ Boy tours chocolate maker's factory. (HD)		"In Her Shoes" ('05, Comedy) ★ Cameron Diaz. Sisters begin to appreciate each other. (HD)		"In Her Shoes" ('05, Comedy) ★ Cameron Diaz. Sisters begin to appreciate each other. (HD)	
62 44	HGTV	reDesign (TV G)		reDesign (TV G)		Challenge Design (TV G)		Design (TV G)		reDesign (TV G)	
58 48	HIST	Time Machine: The Ottoman Empire Turkish empire endures for 600 years. (TV G)		Time Machine: Strange Egypt (TV G)		Caligula: Reign of Madness (TVPG)		Time Machine: The Ottoman Empire (TV G)		Caligula: Reign of Madness (TVPG)	
25 38	IND	"The Mummy" ('99, Horror) ★★½ Egyptologist and legionnaire uncover an ancient tomb and unleash a deadly curse.		"The Mummy" ('99, Horror) ★★½ Egyptologist and legionnaire uncover an ancient tomb and unleash a deadly curse.		"The Mummy" ('99, Horror) ★★½ Egyptologist and legionnaire uncover an ancient tomb and unleash a deadly curse.		"The Mummy" ('99, Horror) ★★½ Egyptologist and legionnaire uncover an ancient tomb and unleash a deadly curse.		"The Mummy" ('99, Horror) ★★½ Egyptologist and legionnaire uncover an ancient tomb and unleash a deadly curse.	
18 63	LIFE	"Obituary" ('06) (NR)		"To Love, Honor and Betray" ('99, Thriller) ★		Housewives (HD)		"Steve & Claire" ★★		Housewives (HD)	
54 74	MTV	My Own C Aguilera		Beyonce Timberlake		Laguna Laguna		Two-a-Days		Moments Scandal	
3 9	NBC	Entertainment Tonight		Dateline NBC (N)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (R) (HD)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (R) (HD)		9 News (N) Saturday Night (R)	
8 8	NBC	Dateline NBC (N)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (R) (HD)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent (TV14) (R) (HD)		KSN News at 10 (R) (HD)		Saturday Night Live: Antonio Banderas; Mary J. Blige (R) (HD)	
34 55	NICK	J. Neutron (TVY7)		J. Neutron (TVY7)		Roseanne Roseanne		Roseanne Roseanne		Roseanne Roseanne	
2 2	PBS	(5:30) Moments to Remember Included: Rosemary Clooney		Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band: Hammersmith Odeon, London '75		Soundstage (TVPG)		Soundstage (TVPG)		Soundstage (TVPG)	
38 71	SCIFI	"Dark Kingdom" ★★½		"Dragon Sword" ('04, Adventure)		"Dragon Storm" ('04) ★ Humanity at risk.		"Dragon Storm" ('04) ★ Humanity at risk.		"Dragon Storm" ('04) ★ Humanity at risk.	
61 72	SPK	(1:00) CSI: Crime (HD)		UFC 62 Count (R)		Caught on Tape		Amazing (TV14) (N)		Disorderly Conduct (N)	
39 43	TLC	Flip House: Troy		Trading Spaces Moroccan art. (TV G) (R)		Property Ladder: DIY Babes in Demo-Land		Flip House: Gary		Flip House: Gary	
28 40	TNT	NASCAR Next Cup: Sharpie 500 from Bristol Motor		Speedway (HD)		"Torque" ('04) ★ Biker framed.		"Driven"		"Driven"	
51 49	TRAV	Wild Poker		Outrageous (TVPG)		Wild Poker		Wild Poker		Wild Poker	
21 59	TVLND	Dan Boone		Dan Boone		Dan Boone		Dan Boone		Dan Boone	
60 79	UNIV	Sábado gigante (TVPG)		Sábado gigante (TVPG)		Sábado gigante (TVPG)		Sábado gigante (TVPG)		Sábado gigante (TVPG)	
20 37	UNIV	Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)		Law & Order (HD)	
12 3	WB	(4:30) To Be Announced		Friends (TVPG)		Friends (TVPG)		Will: Crazy in Love (TVPG)		Raymond (TVPG)	
99 39	WGN	☼ (5:00) MLB Game (Live)		WGN News at Nine		Sex & City		Becker		Home Impro	

## MONDAY EVENING

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E	S	E = Eagle Cable				S = S&T Telephone						
36	47	A&E	Dog Bounty (TVPG)	Dog the Hunter (R)	Driving Force (R)	Driving Force (R)	Family: Sexercise!	Family: Jewels (R)	Flip This House: Rancho Montelongo (R)	Dog Bounty (TVPG)	Dog the Hunter (R)	
4	6	ABC	Wife Swap: Donahoe/Baker (TVPG)		Wife Swap		Supernanny: Harmony Family (TVPG) (R)	KAKE News at 10 (N)	(.35) Nightline (N)	(.05) Jimmy Kimmel Live at 10 (TV14)		
26	54	ANPL	Corwin's Quest: The Alligator's Bellow		Caught in the Moment: Madagascars (R)		Miami Animal Police: Raccoon Raiders	Corwin's Quest: The Alligator's Bellow		Caught in the Moment: Madagascars (R)		
63	67	BRAVO	Inside the Actor's Studio: Hugh Laurie (R)		The 58th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards	Dick Clark is honored while the top programs and performers are recognized.				Project Runway: Waste Not, Want Not (R)		
7	11	CBS	Two & 1/2 (R) (HD)	How I Met Your (R)	Two & 1/2 (R) (HD)	New Adv. (R) (HD)	CSI: Miami: 10-7 (TV14) (R) (HD)	News (N)	(.35) Late Show with David Letterman (HD)		US Open Tennis	
55	42	DISC	American Hot Rod (TVPG)		Biker Build: Kevin Alsop vs. Ivy Trosclair		American Chopper: OCC Roadshow (TVPG)	American Chopper: Sunoco Bike 2 (TVPG)		American Hot Rod (TVPG)		
33	56	DISN	Even Steve (TV G)	Lizzie (TV G)	So Raven (R)	Zack & Cody (R)	Phil (TVY7)	So Raven (R)	"Life Is Ruff" Calvin Wheeler is a normal kid who trains a stray dog to win a competition.			
49	66	E!TV	Police		Guilty Pleasure		Police	E! News	The Daily	Saturday Night (HD)		
22	28	ESPN	NFL Football: Preseason (Live) (HD)						SportsCenter (HD)	Baseball	NFL Live	
23	29	ESPN2	Poker (Taped)		Baseball Tonight (HD)		MLB Baseball (Live) (HD)			Poker (Taped)		
32	58	FAM	Kyle XY (TV14) (HD)		Falcon (TV14) (N)		Line	Line	The 700 Club	Kyle XY (R) (HD)		
35	-	FMC	"Butch and Sundance: The Early Days" ★★				"The Jewel of the Nile" ('85) ★★ (PG)		"The Fury" ('78) ★★			
53	45	FOOD	Emeril Live Cooking for kids. (TV G) (R)		Unwrapped (R)	Unwrapped (R)	Secret (TV G)	Secret (TV G)	Good Eats \$40 a Day (R)	Unwrapped (R)	Unwrapped (R)	
13	7	FOX	Prison Break: Otis (TV14) (N) (HD)		Vanished: The Tunnel (TV14) (N) (HD)		Fox Report		Blind Date (TVPG)	Blind Date (TVPG)	Maury (TVPG)	
27	25	FX	(1:00) 30 Days (R)		King	King	70s	70s	"Secret Window" ('04) ★½ Plagiarized story.			
30	27	FXSP	In Focus	Rockies	Big 12	Rodeo (Taped)		Aussie Millions Poker	Rockies	Around Trk	BDSSP	
-	60	HALL	Walker: Siege (TVPG)		"Hidden Places" ('06, Drama) Shirley Jones.			MASH	MASH	MASH	MASH	
5	-	HBO	Unchained Memories (TVPG)		(1:5) "Surviving Christmas" ('04, Comedy) ★ Real time with Bill Maher (TVMA) (R)			"Mr. & Mrs. Smith" ('05, Action) ★★½ (HD)				
62	44	HGTV	Cash Attic	Cash Attic	Ext. Homes	House Hunt	House Hunt	House Hunt	Design	Tech Toys	Cash Attic	Cash Attic
58	48	HIST	Tsunami 2004: Waves of Death (TVPG)		Lost Worlds: Churchill's Secret Bunkers		Digging Truth: Pompeii Secrets Revealed		UFO Files White House UFO. (TVPG)		Tsunami 2004: Waves of Death (TVPG)	
25	38	IND	Friends (TV14)	Friends (TV14)	Friends (TV14)	Friends (TV14)	Family (TV14)	Family (TV14)	World's Funniest Commercials		Midnight Money Madness	
18	63	LIFE	"Her Best Friend"		"Circle of Friends" ('06)		Mysterious deaths.		Lovespring	Will (HD)	Will (HD)	Frasier
54	74	MTV	N. Cannon	NEXT	My Own	NEXT	Sucker Free: VMA	MADE (R)		Fresh Meat	Fresh Meat	
3	9	NBC	9 News (N)	ET (TV G)	Katrina: The Long Road Back (N)		Medium: Time Out of Mind (TV14) (R) (HD)	Medium: The Reckoning (TV14) (R) (HD)		9 News (N) (HD)	(.35) Jay Leno (HD)	
8	8	NBC	Katrina: The Long Road Back (N)		Medium: Time Out of Mind (TV14) (R) (HD)		Medium: The Reckoning (TV14) (R) (HD)	KSN News at 10	Tonight Show with Jay Leno (TV14) (N) (HD)		Late Night (R) (HD)	
34	55	NICK	Sponge	Zoey 101	Different	Bel-Air	Different	Different	Different	Different	Bel-Air	Bel-Air
2	2	PBS	Walking the Bible (TV G) (N)				Andre Rieu: The Homecoming Andre Rieu performs in his Dutch home town of Maastricht.					
38	71	SCIFI	Dark Angel: Gill Girl		WWE Monday (Live)		WWE Monday (Live)		(1:02) "Shocker" ('89) ½ Dead man's revenge.			
61	72	SPK	Trek: Next: Liaisons		Police (TV14)		CSI: Crime (HD)	CSI: Crime (HD)	CSI: Crime (HD)	CSI: Crime: Snuff (HD)		
39	43	TLC	Home Chef (R)	Home Chef (R)	While You Were Out: Austin: Skylab (R)		Wild Weddings: Big Day Bloopers (TV G)	Cover Shot (R)	Cover Shot (R)	Miami Ink: Kat the Party Machine (TVPG) (R)		
28	40	TNT	Law & Order (HD)		The Closer (N) (HD)		Saved (N) (HD)	The Closer (R) (HD)		The X-Files (HD)		
51	49	TRAV	Manhood (TVPG)		Tribal Life (TVPG)		Bourdain: India (R)	Manhood (TVPG)		Tribal Life (TVPG)		
21	59	TVLND	Little House (TV G)		Cosby	Jefferson	M. Brown	3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co.	3's Co.	
60	79	UNIV	La fea más bella		Barrera de amor		Cristina (TV14)	Primer imp	Noticiero	Hr de risa (TVPG)		
20	37	USA	U.S. Open Tennis Tournament from Flushing Meadows, N.Y. (Live)				WWE Monday		WWE Monday			
12	3	WB	Friends (TV14)	Raymond (TVPG)	7th Heaven: The Magic of Gershwin (R)		7th Heaven: Moving Ahead (TV G) (R)		News2 @ Nine (N)		Raymond (TVPG)	Will (TVPG)
99	39	WGN	Home Videos		Home Videos		WGN News at Nine		Sex & City	Becker	Home Videos	