

## Rants and Raves - PLEASE AND THANK YOU

**F1:** Er, one of the things I first noticed when I came to live in the UK is the number of times people say 'please' and 'thank you' in everyday conversation. In my country, we don't really have a word for 'please' at all and it came as a big shock to me. I mean, it's not unusual to hear people repeat 'please' and 'thank you' many times in the course of a very simple transaction. Getting a coffee, for instance, or picking up dry cleaning. I guess 'thank you' is repeated more often – you only seem to say 'please' at the start of a conversation. So it's like:

'Latte, please.'

'Thank you, here's your coffee. That's £2.10, please.'

'Thank you.'

'Thank you, that's £5, so £2.90 change. Thank you.'

'Thank you.'

'Thank you. Have a nice day.'

Hee hee hee, it's very sweet really. And, I guess that many people coming to the UK don't realise how rude, or even aggressive, it sounds to *you* if people *don't* say 'please' and 'thank you'.

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