

## THEME 10 MANNERS READING SKILL (NOTIFIER)

### A. Read John's text message to Martin. Then, in the table below, classify the phrases in bold.

I don't know how to say, but I'm still on the way. You may think that I'll be arriving late, but even late arrival will not be possible. 'Cause my car's broken down. I've called a mechanic, and I'm waiting. It's boiling hot. **I wish it wasn't, and I wish I were there with you at the wedding.** Buddy, **I'm so sorry. I should've gotten my car serviced timely.** I didn't. Believe me, I was so busy trying to catch the schedule. **I wish I had worked harder and hadn't postponed most of the work till the last day.** You can never know what will happen. **If only I could bring back those days,** I would have tried harder. Buddy, please accept my apologies. For now, **wish you happiness for a lifetime.**

**Phrases for Apology :**

**Phrases for Regrets and Wishes :**

### B. Read the text and fill in the table.

Dear Diary,

I'm just back from the international seminar in Spain. I feel so tired from all the travel, events, and activities within it. It was worth all the effort. It seems that I will always remember the nice week of this seminar. I wish it had been a longer one.

The first day was a bit difficult. All the participants kept rushing around for the check-in and rooms. I was one of them. I was nervous and a little bit worried. I wish I had remained calm. As the activities of the seminar, such as the enjoyable icebreaker activities and frank discussions, took place, the participants started to get familiar with one another. Thanks to the friendly chats during the coffee breaks, the atmosphere got warmer, and the participants started to feel confident and relaxed. I wish all the seminars had similar atmospheres. The workshops were fruitful. There were leisure activities as part of the seminar week as well. Guided campus walks, sports games were fun outdoor activities. They helped with relaxation and intercultural bonds. I realized that I had had misconceptions about some other cultures. I regret for all. I shouldn't have had them. It seems that we will maintain a good friendship with Kai from Japan. The last social activity was the farewell party. It was incredible. Fun and emotional. I wish it hadn't come to an end.

Time to get back to work. Tomorrow will be a new age of life.

**The Events Mentioned :**

**The Feelings Mentioned :**

**The Wishes Mentioned :**

### C. Read the text and tick the conclusions you can make.

Manners are polite ways of treating other people and behaving in public. In most cases, they are culture-specific, and thus they may mean different things to strangers and cause trouble. To cope with problems of this kind, some believe that schools should offer courses to raise awareness about other cultures, while some think they should be taken for granted.

People who believe that schools should offer courses to raise awareness about manners specific to cultures claim that if you know about common manners, you will know what to expect. Therefore, there will be no shocks at all. In addition, knowing culture-specific manners will not only prevent shocks but also disputes. Also, in the long run, good practices will spread sooner, and the world will be a better place.

Proponents of the idea that culture-specific manners should be taken for granted believe in respect to diversity. If you run into strange manners in another country, you should not react harshly as they may be different from what you think. If all manners meant the same to everyone, the world would be dull.

In conclusion, people have different views on ways of handling culture-specific manners. Awareness and tolerance seem to be two key factors to prevent problems.

\_\_\_ Manners are more or less the same all around the world.

\_\_\_ Manners may be interpreted in different ways.

\_\_\_ Culture-specific manners may cause problems for strangers.

\_\_\_ Culture-specific manners are vital to globalization.