

Después de leer atentamente el texto y los enunciados de las cuestiones que se presentan abajo, responda en INGLÉS a dichas cuestiones. **CALIFICACIÓN:** Las cuestiones 1ª, 2ª y 4ª se valorarán sobre 2 puntos cada una, la pregunta 3ª sobre 1 punto y la pregunta 5ª sobre 3 puntos. **TIEMPO:** 60 minutos.



QUEUING

It's been said that the British love to queue so much, they'll join a queue then ask what it's for.

That's patently untrue. When the queues started to spiral out of control at Heathrow airport howls of indignation began to drown out the sound of the jet engines.

In fact, Brits resent queuing as much as anyone. The only difference is they have utter respect for the convention and loathe anyone who tries to manipulate it. Perhaps it's a vestige of the [World Wars](#) when rationing made queues a necessary part of life. Everyone is equally miserable in a queue and that suits the average Brit just fine.

As a result, we queue for the bus, the cinema, the supermarket checkout and the portable toilets at festivals. Brits will actively look for a queue even when none exists, asking: "Is this the end of the queue?". So, if you want to make it in the UK, learn to respect the queue. Here are the rules of thumb:

1. Never jump the line or push in
2. Don't ask the person behind you to mind your place while you go on a long errand or visit the toilet
3. If you're carrying a suitcase or pushing a supermarket trolley, don't drive into the heels of the person in front of you

On the other hand, it's perfectly acceptable to roll your eyes and click your tongue in disgust when the line moves slowly. Feel free to glare at the person at the front of the queue if they make small talk with the cashier. And if you see someone pushing in say, "Excuse me," in a terse, slightly strangulated voice. It works every time!

<https://greatbritishmag.co.uk/uk-culture/do-brits-really-love-to-queue/>

Questions

1. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Write down the evidence from the text. No marks are given for only TRUE or FALSE

- a) British hate to queue more than any other people in the world
- b) According to British "convention" on queuing, you are allowed to give a shout of protest when the queue does not move fast enough

2. In your own words, explain: (15 words maximum)

- a) Why the author mentions the [World Wars](#)
- b) What happened at Heathrow airport when queues became too long.

3. Find a word/s in the text which mean/s the same as the following

- a) absolute
- b) succeed
- c) skip the queue
- d) brusque

4. Complete the following sentences. Use the appropriate form of the words in brackets, when given.

a. If you _____ (visit) England in 1945, you _____ (see) long queues outside the bakeries.

b. Britons are _____ used to queuing _____ people in Spain

c. **Rewrite the following sentence in the passive voice**

"During the WORLD WARS one could see long queues outside the bakeries in Great Britain"

d. **Change the following to reported speech**

"He told me: "Do not look at the person behind you"

5. Write about 150 words on one of the following topics:

- Last time I stood in queue.
- The Internet has also helped to reduce queues.