# Discussion board expectations example 1

Please always adhere to the following protocols for discussion boards.

* Write all posts in a considered and respectful way; remember that written text has no body language, facial expression or verbal tone cues so it is easy to misread the tone of writing, especially humour.
* When writing responses to others’ posts ensure any criticism is constructive, specific and directed at the ideas and not the person.
* When reading responses to your posts try to take any criticism as well-meant, remember that your opinions are based on your knowledge and culture and other participants possess different knowledge and culture to you and so may have different, but equally valid perspectives.
* Please indicate your agreement to this code of conduct by writing your name in response to this thread.

## Other points to consider:

* Use of capitals is equivalent to shouting
* If you respond to just one part of a post, copy and paste the section into your response, so that people know which part you are addressing
* Edit your work for clarity, grammar, punctuation and professional expression, this discussion is a demonstration of professional practice
* Please try to avoid reinforcing prejudices. Because the comments stay up, they can repeatedly trigger emotional responses from readers and so people may feel the need to respond when they would prefer not to (be kind)
* If a post/response elicits an emotional response from you, please wait 12 hours before publishing a response

# Discussion board expectations example 2

Netiquette

You are expected to observe the everyday courtesies normally employed in face-to-face conversations, which include being:

* Polite and not using inappropriate language
* Respectful of others' points of view
* Careful with humour and sarcasm
* Aware and appreciative of cultural differences.
* A participant in your learning with good intent

## Ethical practice and confidentiality

* Treat all other users of this site fairly, respecting their uniqueness, their fundamental rights, dignity and worth, and their right to set objectives and make decisions
* Maintain appropriate boundaries in relationships, avoid exploiting the relationship in any way, and be clear with yourself and others
* Protect all information on this site as it is privileged information
* In general, do not waste other people's time, be disruptive, or threatening
* Remember that on-line communications lack the nuances of tone, facial expression, and body language; write clearly try to spell correctly and to use good grammar
* Add emoticons, or Smileys expressive symbols - to clarify meaning
* Do not SHOUT needlessly, capital letters are the on-line equivalent of shouting • use asterisks to give emphasis, but do so \*sparingly\*
* Personal attacks or complaints are called flaming, so be sensible: flaming can turn into flame wars and disrupt discussion groups