

# Mannerless Marty

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Marty had no manners. He acted like a pig. He was rude, loud, and gross. Marty was trouble, and he thought it was funny.

At the table, he burped after each bite. He wiped his mouth on his sleeve. He sneezed on the tablecloth. He chewed with his mouth open. He slurped his soup.



In school, he interrupted constantly. He took people's stuff without asking, ruined it, and then returned it. He tore pages in books and picked his teeth with them. He made rude comments without apologizing.



On the bus he wiped his nose on the seats. He rubbed dirty hands on his neighbors. He snored loudly, even if he wasn't really asleep. He took his shoes off and put them up on the next seat.

At home, he hogged the bathroom, but wouldn't flush. He drank out of the milk jug. He didn't wipe his feet before he came in, so he left mud everywhere. He tore out all the good parts of the newspaper.



Marty didn't get invited to birthday parties. He had to clean up his room on weekends instead of playing. No one wanted to sit near him on the bus. He made people uncomfortable. He missed out on a lot of chances. Even his grandmother didn't want him to visit!

Mannerless Marty got tired of being alone. He decided to clean up his act. Eventually, he made a few friends and a few good habits.

Always remember your manners!

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  - C. He cheats on his tests.
  - D. He doesn't do his homework.
  
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3. Which of these DOESN'T Marty do at school?
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  - D. He runs in the hallway.
  
4. Which of these DOES Marty do at home?
  - A. He colored on the walls.
  - B. He ate the last piece of pizza.
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