

Netiquette: Rules of Behavior on the Internet By M.D. Roblyer/A. H. Doering
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BLOG Etiquette

1. **Identify yourself.**
2. **Include a subject line.** Give a descriptive phrase in the subject line of the message header that tells the topic of the message (not just "Hi, there!").
3. **Avoid sarcasm.** People who don't know you may misinterpret its meaning.
4. **Be concise.**
5. **Use appropriate language:**
 - a. Avoid coarse, rough, or rude language.
 - b. Observe good grammar and spelling.
6. **Use appropriate emoticons (emotion icons) to help convey meaning.** Use "smiley's" or punctuation such as :-) to convey emotions. See website list of emoticons at <http://netlingo.com/smiley.cfm> and <http://www.robelle.com/smugbook/smiley.html>.
7. **Use appropriate intensifiers to help convey meaning.**
 - a. Avoid "flaming" (online "screaming") or sentences typed in all caps.
 - b. Use asterisks surrounding words to indicate italics used for emphasis (*at last*).
 - c. Use words in brackets, such as (grin), to show a state of mind.
 - d. Use common acronyms (e.g., LOL for "laugh out loud").
8. Unless you have permission, it's never OK to post someone else's words on your own blog. Instead, provide a quote or cite your summer reading book but to reprint someone else's words is not blog etiquette at all.
9. **Be respectful.** It's ok to disagree with bloggers but do be respectful. Calling names, being rude is not allowed. If you can't offer a decent rebuttal, keep your thoughts to yourself.
10. Respond to your classmates. Your peers took the time to offer their thoughts on your blog post.
11. Don't forget, everything you write is on display for the world to see. If you don't want the world knowing something, don't post it.
12. **Be nice, be respectful, and be considerate. Respect the blog.** Treat other people's blogs as you would treat your own.