

British People Don't Know When to Tip



Half of British people are unsure about tipping in other countries. Many do not do any research when they go abroad. This can be a big problem because tips and service charges can be as much as 30 per cent of a traveler's spending money. It could also get tourists into embarrassing situations in a hotel, taxi or restaurant. Many British people do not know you have to tip in America. People can get angry if they don't get a tip. There is no custom of tipping in Japan and it can be awkward to leave a tip. In Italy, it's easy – the tip is on the bill.

VOCABULARY: Match the correct answers.

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| 1. tip | a. awkward |
| 2. research | b. bonus |
| 3. tourist | c. traveler |
| 4. embarrassing | d. tradition |
| 5. custom | e. study |

READING COMPREHENSION: Answer the questions.

1. What are half of British people unsure about?
2. What should people do before going abroad?
3. What can be a big problem?
4. What is the difference between the custom in UK and US?
5. Do people give tips in Japan?
6. Why is tipping easy in Italy?