

A recent study from the Japan Private Railway Association (JPRA) reveals that coughing and sneezing were the biggest annoyances on trains. A total of 5,314 train passengers responded to a JPRA survey on behaviour and manners on trains and at stations. "Coughing and sneezing without consideration for others" topped the list of passenger gripes. An association spokesperson attributed this to remaining effects of Covid-19. He said: "The coronavirus pandemic may have ingrained the importance of consideration for others as a norm." He added: "More people likely feel greater anxiety than before the pandemic when someone nearby coughs or sneezes without wearing a mask."

The JPRA has been conducting its polls since 1999 to gauge how people feel about their fellow passengers. It hopes to promote better behaviour in the future. It said 50.5 per cent of survey respondents cited coughing and sneezing as their top annoyance. Other sources of irritation on trains included people stretching their legs, people not moving over to make space for others wanting to sit down, and noisy conversations. The JPRA added that "strong scents from perfume or fabric softeners" and "poor manners during boarding and alighting such as blocking doors" were fourth and fifth on the list. The number of riders has increased on Japan's trains due to a rise in tourists visiting Japan.

What manners are important in these places?

	Manners That Are Important	Your Manners in These Places
Trains		
Malls		
Libraries		
Concerts		
Beaches		
Driving		

Paragraph 1

1	reveal	a.	To say that something is because of something else.
2	responded	b.	Thinking about other people and their feelings.
3	consideration	c.	To answer or reply to something.
4	gripes	d.	A usual way of doing things.
5	attributed	e.	To show something that was hidden or not known before.
6	ingrained	f.	Complaints or things that people are unhappy about.
7	norm	g.	Something that has become a strong habit or is very difficult to change.

Paragraph 2

8	poll	h.	To measure or find out something, like how people feel or think.
9	gauge	i.	A smell, usually one that is nice.
10	cited	j.	Getting off a bus, train, plane, or ship.
11	irritation	k.	To mention or talk about something as an example.
12	scent	l.	Getting on a bus, train, plane, or ship.
13	boarding	m.	A feeling of being annoyed or bothered by something.
14	alighting	n.	A survey or set of questions to find out what people think about something.