

GUIDELINES FOR READING ETIQUETTE & DECORUM....Part 1

READING SETTING	FORMAL OR INFORMAL	WHO GIVES MESSAGES	LENGTH OF MESSAGE	TYPE OF MESSAGE <i>(greeting versus reading)</i>	CONTENT OF MESSAGE	READING DELIVERED SITTING OR STANDING
Casual, Informal (ex: friend to friend)	Usually very informal	Depends...it is acceptable for either or just one	Probably brief & casual, although can vary	Usually reading, but could be either	Could be very private & personal	Probably sitting, but either.
Partner reading in class	Fairly informal	Both partners	Brief to medium length.... anywhere from 5-20 minutes a reading (possibly longer)	Usually reading, but maybe greeting too... depends on exercise	Somewhat private and personal	Probably sitting
Development Circle	Some formalities, but still somewhat informal	Usually any one, although different rules can apply. One medium is usually the “leader”	Usually brief...2-5 minutes (5 minutes would be long)	Emphasis on greeting, some reading too	More general, or personal in a less private way	Sitting
Formal Reading (one-on-one)	Formal, although some informalities are sometimes permissible.	The medium	Varies from 5 minutes to 1 hour.... Usual increments of 1 hour or 20 or 30 minutes	Probably both, but obviously at least some reading	Most private & personal of all	Sitting
Formal Circle or Séance	Formal	The medium(s) leading the circle only	Usually brief...2-5 minutes (5 minutes would be long)	Greeting, with maybe a little reading.	Personal, but adapted to a less private setting	Either is acceptable, but standing common
Church Service	Very Formal	The medium who has the “floor” at the time only	Very brief... 1-3 minutes	Greeting foremost	Personal but public-not too private	Standing only, unless disabled

Please note: In most reading scenarios, it is considered “rude” or “inappropriate” to text or take a phone call during the process. If you *must* take a call or text during a circle, reading, or church service, please excuse yourself, and leave the room.

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READING SETTING	APPROPRIATE TO INTERRUPT SPEAKER	OK TO BE SILENT	OK TO “PIGGY BACK” OR “ADD TO”	OK TO ASK QUESTIONS OF SPEAKER	OTHER
Casual, Informal (ex: friend to friend)	Probably OK, since casual “readings” are usually conversational & interactive	Probably, although interaction is likely	Depends on scenario, but probably OK.	Yes.	Interruptions are generally not considered “good manners”. However, in some casual scenarios, it may be more acceptable.
Partner reading in class	Occasionally. However, it is best to let your partner speak uninterrupted (for sake of development).	It is OK for the partner receiving the reading to be silent. It is also OK for the “reader” to be silent <u>briefly</u> while she collects her thoughts.	Not really. If you have impressions about your own reading, wait until the reading is done, or until partner asks for input.	Yes. However, give partner time to get going with impressions first.	Remember to give partner time to collect thoughts. Offer feedback when helpful.
Development Circle	Sometimes, but be courteous & considerate of others.	Yes. However, sitters are also expected to at least “try” to give a message.	In most cases, yes. However, different rules may apply at different times.	Yes. Keep in mind that a circle is not a private reading though.	Piggy-backing is usually OK. However, avoid excessive interruptions, and give fellow students time to speak.
Formal Reading (one-on-one)	Not usually. However, may be OK during brief conversational periods in the reading, or to ask question.	Yes.	No.	Yes. However, may need to do so at designated time.	The “rules” of a formal reading vary from reader to reader.
Formal Circle or Séance	No. Only if you have a question about circle protocol.	Yes.	No. Not unless you are one of the official circle mediums.	Questions about circle protocol OK. Usually not time for questions about reading, although depends on size of circle.	A formal séance is usually much more structured than a development circle.
Church Service	No. Considered VERY BAD etiquette to interrupt a medium giving a message from “the platform”.	Yes.	No. If you have a message you would like to give a person, you must wait your turn, and stand & take the floor to deliver it yourself.	Generally not time for asking questions. However, person receiving message may ask for clarification if they need it.	Interrupting a medium who is giving a floor message is considered VERY rude.

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TABLE A

READING SETTING	FORMAL OR INFORMAL	WHO GIVES MESSAGES	LENGTH OF MESSAGE	TYPE OF MESSAGE (<i>greeting versus reading</i>)	CONTENT OF MESSAGE	READING DELIVERED SITTING OR STANDING
Other Settings: stage, party, radio, TV, fair, etc.	Formal or Informal, depending on circumstance	Depends on situation, but usually one medium at a time	Frequently short, but does depend on situation.	Either, depends on venue.	Usually personal, but public, so not <i>too</i> personal.	Either

TABLE B

READING SETTING	APPROPRIATE TO INTERRUPT SPEAKER	OK TO BE SILENT	OK TO "PIGGY BACK" OR "ADD TO"	OK TO ASK QUESTIONS OF SPEAKER	OTHER
Other Settings: stage, party, radio, TV, fair, etc.	Depends. If you are the one getting the message, and you are not sure on protocol, best to not interrupt.	Yes.	Probably not, although in some scenarios, it might be OK.	In most of these kinds of scenarios, it is OK to ask at least one or two questions.	In any situation, common courtesy will go a long ways.

ADDITIONAL.....

* The word "message" can be used to mean both "greeting" or "reading".

The term "greeting" means a short message from a loved one on the other side, or a spirit guide. (Sometimes, it might just be "hello" from such-and-such....thus, the term, "greeting"). A "reading" on the other hand has more to do with interpreting energies, predictions, situations, etc. Generally, the more formal the situation, the more likely the messages are to be "greetings", and not just readings. Remember that the ability to relay "greetings" from the spirit world is what distinguishes a medium from a psychic.

* Most readings are generally delivered sitting down. However, it is standard protocol for mediums delivering messages during a church service to stand up (unless the medium is disabled). During a church service, only the medium standing (or who "has the floor") is to give messages. If you wish to add input ("piggy-back") or give a message during church, you must wait your turn, and take the floor.

* In circles or church services, you generally have very little time to deliver a message, so try to be succinct. For a church service message, 1-3 minutes is ideal. However, if you are the *only* medium working the service, it may be appropriate to go just a little longer. Same is true if you are only giving one message.