

- Old- School Hospitality

Hospitality is a **potentially** risky business.// "Stranger danger" is a **truism** with good reason.// The tradition of welcoming of an unknown **individual** into one's home/ was an act of **generosity** and courage and strength.// The Inuit, a people who live in the far North of Canada/ and never eat vegetables,/ once welcomed strangers by holding a **feast**,/ then having the stranger **arm-wrestle** the host.// Officially, the loser was to be punished,/ but this threat was almost never acted upon by either party,/ no matter who won.//

In this way,/ the stranger was introduced to a **significant** portion of the local community,/ and his strength was publicly **put on trial**.// Besides the obvious guest-host benefits/ of **bonding-by-arm-wrestling**/ (is anyone truly a stranger after a good arm-wrestling match?)/ it allowed the neighbors to learn/ not only how potentially useful or dangerous the stranger was on a physical level,/ but also to see if the stranger was **appropriately sportsmanlike** in his conduct.// It would be an honor for the host to win the contest,/ but also to lose:/ for it would mean he had a powerful guest.// A powerful guest could potentially become a powerful friend.//

Of course, not all Inuit practiced **ritual** arm-wrestling.// Some of them used slap-battles,/ while others preferred boxing or wrestling.//

While slap-battles and arm-wrestling are no longer an expected part of modern travel,/ sportsmanship and mutual respect are invaluable assets/ for both host and guest alike.//

おもてなしは潜在的に際どい行為である// 「見知らぬ人は危険」という決まり文句があるのにはちゃんと理由がある// 見知らぬ人を家に迎え入れる伝統は / 気前の良さ
と勇気と強さを示す行為であった// イヌイット族というカナダの極北に住み/決して野菜を食べることがない人々は / かつて宴会を開いて見知らぬ人を歓迎し / その見知らぬ
人に家の主と腕相撲をさせた// 正式には、敗者は罰せられることになっていたが / この
脅しは、どちら側からも実行されることはほとんどなかった / たとえ誰が勝とうが//

こうすることで、 / よそ者は地域社会の大部分に紹介され、 / その強さが公に試
されることになる// 腕相撲で絆を深めることによる客人 - 主人としての明らかなメリッ
トに加えて / (良き腕相撲を組んだ後で、本当に見知らぬ人のままでいる人はいるのだろうか)
 / 隣人たちは知ることができた / 見知らぬ人が肉体的なレベルで役に立つか危険かだ
けでなく / 見知らぬ人が適切にスポーツマンシップに則って行動しているかどうかを//
主催者にとっては、勝負に勝てば名誉なことだが / 負けたとしても(名誉なことだ) / そ
れは強力なゲストを迎えたことを意味するのだから// 強力な客は強力な友人になる可能
性がある//

もちろん、すべてのイヌイットが儀式として腕相撲を行ったわけではない。//
平手打ちの争いをする者もいれば、 / ボクシングやレスリングを好む者もいた。//

現代において、平手打ちや腕相撲はもはや旅で期待されるものではないが / ス
ポーツマンシップと相互尊重はかけがえのない財産である / 迎える人・訪れる人両方に//

Vocabulary and Phrases

hospitality	おもてなし
potential	可能性
truism	わかりきった/明白なこと
individual	個人
generosity	寛大さ、気前の良さ
feast	祝宴
arm-wrestle	腕相撲
significant	重要

put on trial	裁判にかける / 試される
bonding	親近
appropriate	適切
sportsmanlike	潔い
ritual	儀式

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TIPS

Summary① Fill Blank:

Hospitality can be _____, as the saying "_____ " suggests. In the past, _____ into your home showed _____ and _____. The Inuit people, who live in _____ and mostly eat _____, used to welcome _____ by having a _____ and then challenging them to _____. This helped everyone see how _____ and _____ the stranger was. Nowadays, while we don't _____ guests, being _____ and kind is still really important for _____ and _____.

Summary② Summary(50 -80 words):

Summary③ Sample Answer:

Hospitality can be risky, as the saying "stranger danger" suggests. In the past, inviting someone unknown into your home showed kindness and bravery. The Inuit people, who live in northern Canada and mostly eat meat, used to welcome strangers by having a big meal and then challenging them to arm-wrestle. This helped everyone see how strong and fair the stranger was. Nowadays, while we don't arm-wrestle guests, being respectful and kind is still really important for hosts and guests.