Awkward Situations – Very British Problems

Here are some tweets by the popular Twitter account, Very British Problems. Each one describes a specific problem that British people typically experience in social situations. They seem to sum up the experience of being a British person. We're socially awkward – I don't know why.

1. Worrying you've accidentally packed 3 kilos of coke and a dead goat as you stroll through "Nothing to Declare".

2. Being unable to stand up and leave without first saying *"right".*

3. Not hearing someone for the third time so just laughing and hoping for the best.

4. Being sure to start touching your bag 15 minutes before your station, so the person in the aisle seat is fully prepared for your exit.

5. The huge sense of relief after your perfectly valid train ticket is accepted by the inspector.

6. *"You'll have to excuse the mess"* – Translation: I've spent seven hours tidying in preparation for your visit.

7. Staring at your phone in silent horror until the unknown number stops ringing.

8. Concentrating so hard on the appropriate eye-contact-to-looking-away ratio that you have no idea what's being said to you.

9. Missing the opportunity to correct someone, meaning you now have a brand new first name.

10. Waiting for permission to leave after paying for something with the exact change.

11. Being unable to pay for something with the exact change without saying *"I think that's right"*.

12. *"It's a bloody nightmare"* – Meaning: Something is proving a mild inconvenience; typically used to describe slightly heavy traffic, or the internet not working

   "It's not ideal" – Meaning: Something terrible has happened and life is almost certainly ruined