

Test Your Speaking & Listening Skills

The English Condition

Englishness



The natural condition of the English is:

an unusually strong natural fear of embarrassment / shame –
of “looking bad” in the opinion of other people

The desire to avoid this outcome can lead to:

over-politeness

indirect actions

lack of involvement

a desire for privacy

a desire to please,
at the expense of
their true feelings

passive-aggression

detachment

insularity

which creates misunderstandings and a reputation for:

insincerity

stiffness

being antisocial

vagueness

evasiveness

two-facedness

formality

laziness

stand-offishness

inhospitality