Fieldwork Assignment: Make the Familiar Strange

Inspired by the style of Horace Miner's exercise in "Body Image of the Nacirema," please write a 1-page description of a common human practice as if you have never seen or heard of it before. Pretend you are an alien anthropologist encountering human behavior for the first time. This is a creative exercise-- the more common a practice you choose, the more interesting your write-up will be.