

I. To dine, is a formal way to say to eat. EX: We dined at a fancy restaurant last night. Some houses have special rooms for dining. This room is a dining room. It has a nice table with chairs. It is a space for formal dinners.

II. Place a sheet of paper over the vocabulary words at the bottom of the page. See how many of the items you can name without looking.

III. Pronounce the vocabulary words. Point to the picture as you say the word.

IV. Use pages 54 and 55 to answer true or false to these questions. For every statement that is false, correct the sentence.

- ___ The paper towels are under the counter.
- ___ The coffee maker is in the refrigerator.
- ___ The bread is on the cutting board.
- ___ The food processor is in the cabinet.
- ___ The trash can is near the garbage disposal.
- ___ The magnets are on the freezer.
- ___ The window is open.
- ___ The dishwasher is open.
- ___ The toaster is empty.
- ___ The pan is on the stove.
- ___ The boy is mixing the eggs.
- ___ The dishes are in the sink.
- ___ The salt shaker is on the tray.
- ___ The knives are on the table.
- ___ The lady sits under the chair.
- ___ The lady carries a teapot.
- ___ The vase is on the buffet.
- ___ The platter is inside the hutch.
- ___ There are four cups on the tray.
- ___ There are four spoons on the table.
- ___ The lady's napkin is in her lap.
- ___ The tablecloth is blue.
- ___ The placemats are green.

V. Verbs:

When you put dishes on the table, you *set the table*. EX: *John, please set the table while I make dinner.*

When you bring food or drinks to someone, you *serve* them. EX: *Beth served coffee and cake to the guests.*

The wooden parts of the fan that stick out from the motor are called the blades. When the blades go around and around, they *spin*. EX: *The fan blades are spinning too slowly.*

When we eat dinner together, we say we are *having dinner*. EX: *We were having a nice dinner until the dessert in the oven caught fire.*

When someone eats and behaves politely, we say they *have good manners*. EX: *I enjoy having Frank to dinner because he has excellent manners.*

VI. Setting the Table:

1. The fork, knife and spoon are called silverware. EX: Jo, please put the silverware on the table. Jess, don't eat with your fingers. Use your silverware.

2. When you set the table, the fork goes on the left side of the plate. The knife goes next to the plate on the right side. The spoon goes next to the knife. At a fancy dinner, you might have a salad fork, dinner fork and dessert fork. You might have a teaspoon and a soup spoon.
3. The glasses go on the right side at the top of your plate. You might have a water glass, iced tea glass or wine glass.
4. The big plate is called the dinner plate. The smaller plates are salad plates, bread plates or dessert plates. At a restaurant, your salad will be brought first. Then soup, then your entree (main dishes), then dessert. Is this order the same in your country?
5. Many Americans drink coffee after the meal. Sometimes coffee is served with dessert. You can decline it if you don't want it. You just say, "No, thank you. I don't drink coffee." You might drink coffee from a coffee cup or a mug. Look at the difference on pg 55.

VII. Talk to a Partner

1. Describe a dinner at your house.
2. Which of these are bad table manners? eating with fingers, eating meat with a spoon, putting the napkin in your lap, picking food out of your teeth, eating off of someone else's plate, spitting food, eating small bites, reaching across someone to get a dish
3. Which of the items in the picture of the dining room do you own?
4. Do you always put a tablecloth or placemats on the table before you eat?
5. Do you use cloth napkins or paper napkins?
6. How is dining different in your country? Name some eating customs.