

FUMC ESL High Intermediate Lesson

Discussion: Dinner Parties

Etiquette at a dinner party varies from one culture to another. Discuss the difference in manners between cultures you are familiar with. Use the questions below to guide the discussion.

1. When is it polite to pick up food with your hands?
2. Is there an order in which guests are seated?
3. How do you ask for one of the dishes (i.e. in English-Pass the peas, please.)
4. Is it considered rude to leave food on your plate.
5. What do you do if something on your plate is repulsive to you.
6. What condiments are commonly on the table at a dinner party?
7. Is it common for children to be invited to a dinner party?
8. How many and what kind of utensils are used?
9. Are alcoholic beverages generally served? What types?

Pronunciation Drill: The teacher will pronounce one of the words in each pair. Circle the word she pronounces.

Seeds	seats
Ropes	robes
Backs	bags
Catches	kisses
Edges	itches
Wash	watch
Buzz	bus
Knees	news
Tax	ask
Enemy	remedy

Work with a partner to fill in the blanks of this conversation. After you finish, read your statements to your group.

Oops! I spilled _____.
You'd better _____.

The shoes I bought last week _____.
Oh? You ought to _____.

James, you'd better _____.
Please Mom can I _____.

Have you _____.
No, but I'd _____.

Lately I can't seem to concentrate on anything and I feel _____.
Maybe you should _____.

A balanced diet consists of _____.
Yes, but I like to eat _____.

Do you have a suggestion about what I should _____.
Oh yes. You should _____.