

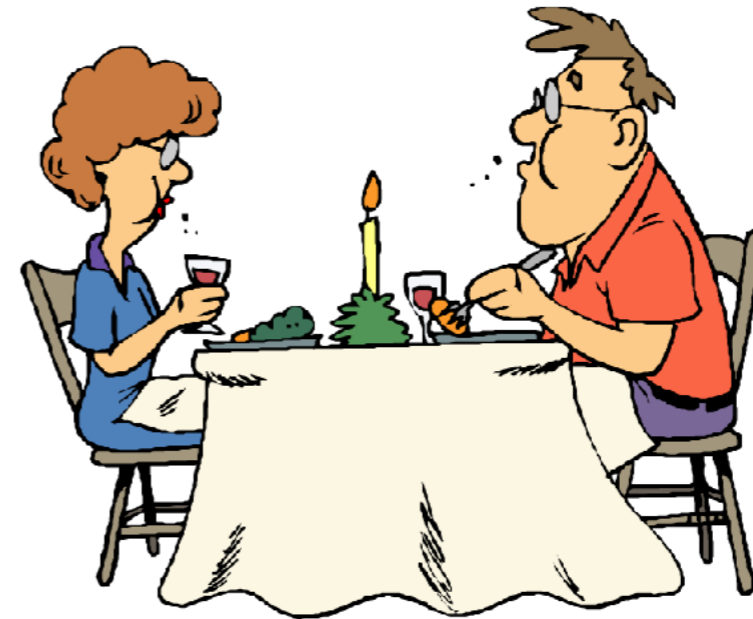
AT A RESTAURANT

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These people are eating at a restaurant. The hostess gave them a **choice**.

“Do you want a **table** or a **booth**?”

What did they choose?



Note: **Choose** is a verb. It is an irregular verb. The past tense of choose is **chose**. The past participle is **chosen**. EX: They **have chosen** to sit at a table.

Choice is the noun form of this word. They made a **choice**.

This is a dining room table with dining room chairs. How many chairs are there?



This dining room table has a **tablecloth**. The table is **set**. There are glasses, cups and saucers, plates, silverware and napkins. There is a plate of fruit and a candle. Point to each item.



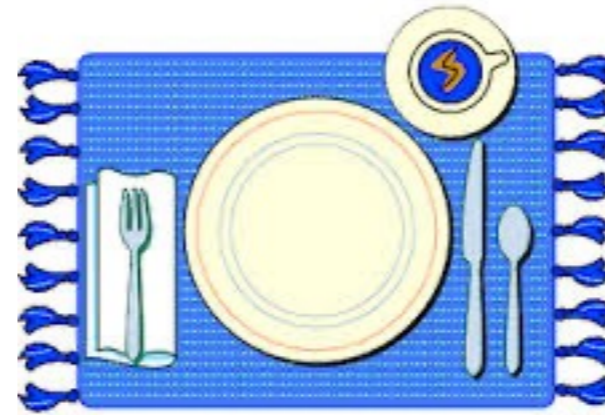
When you “**set**” the table, you put the plates, glasses and silverware on the table. Set is an irregular verb. It is the same in present, past and past participle. EX: Mother **sets** the table every night. Mother **set** the table last night. Mother **has set** the table every night .

These people hold **menus**. They are ordering. The **waiter** or **server** takes their order.



The server **takes** your order at a restaurant. The server **took** their order five minutes ago. The restaurant manager asks the people, “**Has** the server **taken** your order?” They answer, “Yes, he **took** our order already.”

This boy **sets the table**. He **puts** plates on the table. This place is set. There is a place mat, a plate, a napkin, a fork, a knife, a spoon and a cup of coffee. Point to each one.



A family goes to a restaurant. They have a baby. They ask for a **high chair** for the baby. They have a young child. They ask for a **booster seat** for their child.



Match the picture to the phrase.

order from the menu



set the table



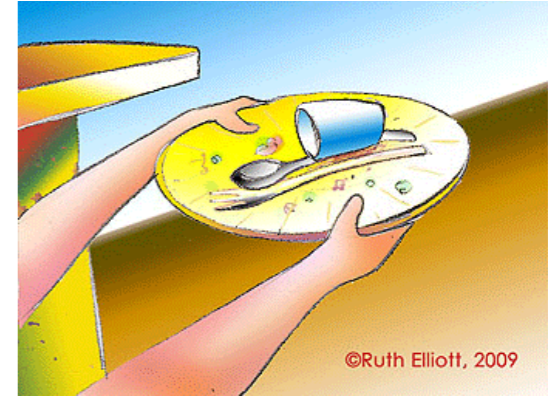
serve the food



pour the water



leave a tip



pass the salt



pay the bill



clear the table



Look in the refrigerator for **leftovers**. Does your family like leftovers?



Point to the **server**, the **chef** and the **dishwasher**.



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Who can name all six?



Questions the server might ask:

Are you ready to order? OR Have you had a chance to look at the menu?

Do you want to start with an appetizer?

How do you like your steak cooked?

Would you like to see the dessert menu?

Questions you might ask your server:

May I see the wine list?

How is the salmon prepared?

Can we please have the check?

Is the tip included?

At some restaurants, you can choose an **appetizer**. An appetizer is a small dish that comes before your main meal. An appetizer is sometimes called a **starter**. It is the food you start with.

The main part of the meal is called the **entree**.

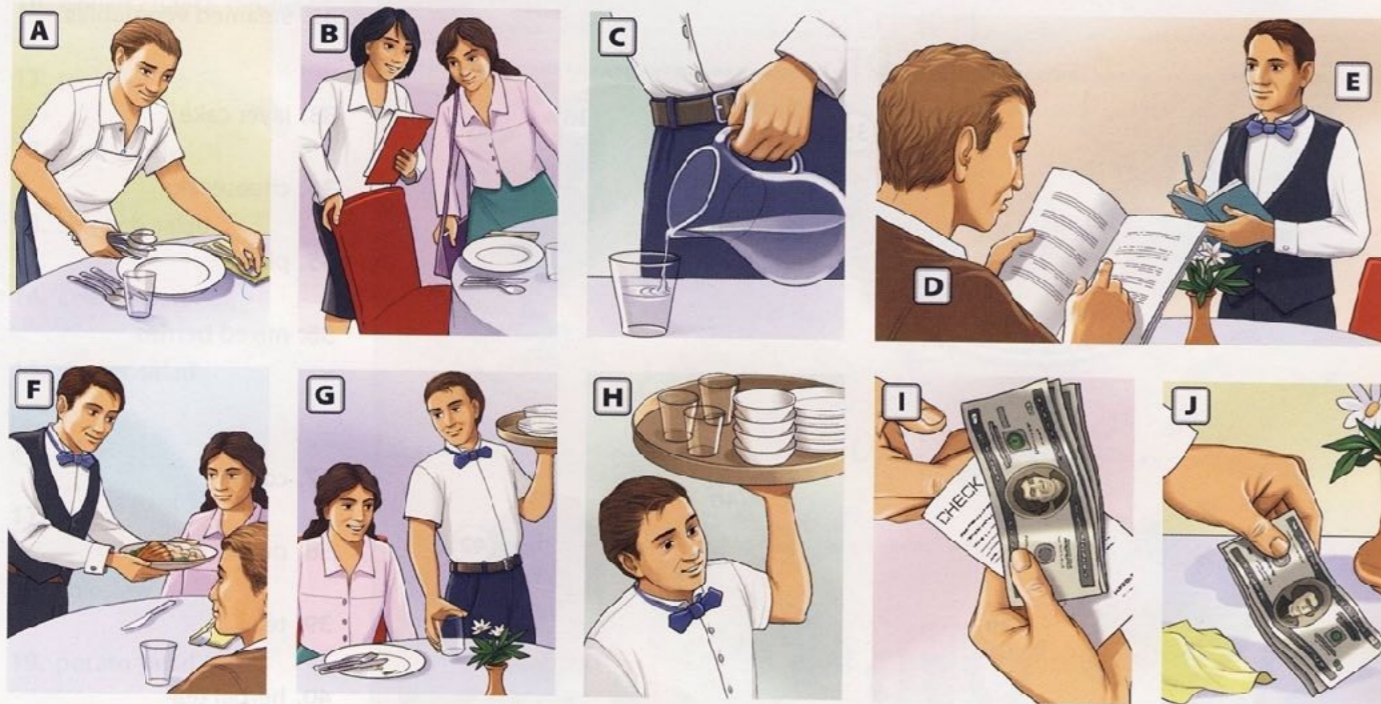
American **portions** (the size of the serving on your plate) are huge. Sometimes there is enough food on the plate for a family to eat. You don't have to eat it all. It is always OK to ask for a box or bag to take some food home. I take home food I can't eat. We eat it again the next day. These are called **leftovers**.

It is usually OK in a restaurant to **split** a meal. You can say, "My husband and I will **share** the fried chicken plate." Usually they will bring an empty plate. And frequently, they will divide the meal for you and bring two plates.

Some restaurants have **specials**. Specials are dishes that are not on the printed menu. Sometimes the specials are listed on a chalkboard or sign at the front of the restaurant. You can ask your server, "Are there any specials?"



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| 1. dining room | 3. high chair | 5. to-go box | 7. menu |
| 2. hostess | 4. booth | 6. patron / diner | 8. server / waiter |



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| A. set the table | D. order from the menu | G. clear / bus the dishes | J. leave a tip |
| B. seat the customer | E. take the order | H. carry the tray | |
| C. pour the water | F. serve the meal | I. pay the check | |

Match the picture to the sentences.

1. We eat in the dining room.
2. The hostess shows us our table.
3. The baby needs a high chair.
4. The family sat in a booth.
5. We asked for a to-go box.
6. Could I please have a menu?
7. Jim sets the table.
8. The hostess pulls out the chair for the woman.
9. The man pours water into the glass.
10. He leaves a tip.
11. The man looks at the menu.
12. The server writes down the order.
13. The waiter serves the meal.
14. The man clears the table.
15. He carries the tray.
16. Don't forget to pay the bill.

More vocabulary

eat out: to go to a restaurant to eat
take out: to buy food at a restaurant and take it home to eat

Look at the pictures.

Describe what is happening.

- A: She's seating the customer.
 B: He's taking the order.



- 9. server / waitress
- 10. dessert tray
- 11. bread basket
- 12. busser
- 13. dish room
- 14. dishwasher
- 15. kitchen
- 16. chef



- 17. place setting
- 18. dinner plate
- 19. bread-and-butter plate
- 20. salad plate
- 21. soup bowl
- 22. water glass
- 23. wine glass
- 24. cup
- 25. saucer
- 26. napkin
- 27. salad fork
- 28. dinner fork
- 29. steak knife
- 30. knife
- 31. teaspoon
- 32. soup spoon

Match the sentences to the picture.

1. The waitress carries a tray.
2. There are desserts on the tray.
3. There is a basket full of bread on the table.
4. The dishwasher cleans the plates.
5. The chef works in the kitchen.
6. There is one place setting on the table.
7. The cup sits on a saucer.
8. There is a cloth napkin beside the forks.
9. There is a steak knife and a regular knife.
10. There are two spoons.

Pair practice. Make new conversations.

A: Excuse me, this spoon is dirty.
 B: I'm so sorry. I'll get you a clean spoon right away.
 A: Thanks.

Role play. Talk to a new busser.

A: Do the salad forks go on the left?
 B: Yes. They go next to the dinner forks.
 A: What about the...?

Choose the correct word.

1. You have to (choose/choice) either steak or chicken.
2. I would like dessert. What are my (choose/choices).
3. The children (set/setting) the table.
4. The server (take/took) our order.
5. The boy (puts/sets) the table.
6. Have you (ordered/set) an entree?
7. We didn't finish our meal. We will take home the (leavings/leftovers).
8. How is the salmon (prepare/prepared)?
9. My husband and I will (prepare/share) the entree.
10. There is only one piece of cake left. We will (split/start) it.