

Course: Intermediate Level 2

Day 23

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What are table
manners?

Are table
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Day 23: Asking about table manners

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Dialogue 1:

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Dialogue 3:

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Dialogue 4:

Discussing cultural differences in table manners

Dialogue 1: Having a meal at a banquet

A: It's the first time for me to have a full course meal at an expensive restaurant like this. You must teach me some table manners.

B: There's nothing much to know. First of all, place that big napkin on your knees to keep your clothes clean.

A: There're several forks and knives on the table. Which one should I use first?

B: Use the forks one by one from the left and the knives from the right.

A: How do I cut my steak?

B: Hold the fork in you left hand and the knife in your right. And cut your steak from the left side bit by bit.



Dialogue 2: *When you eat hot noodles*

A: My nose runs whenever I eat hot noodles like this.

B: Why don't you blow your nose in a tissue?

A: Blowing one's nose while eating is considered impolite in Korea.

B: Really? That's interesting. We don't mind if another person at the table blows their nose.

A: Making a noise while eating noodles is also considered impolite in Korea. What about in America?

B: We don't normally make a noise when we eat soup.

A: But the Chinese intentionally make noises when they eat noodles to show that they are enjoying them.



Dialogue 3: When you have a full course meal

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Dialogue 4: Discussing cultural differences in table manners

A: What kind of table manners are there in Korea?

B: Well, everyone usually waits for the eldest person at the table to lift his spoon first.

A: Wow!

B: It's just tradition. And you should never hold up your rice bowl while eating. That's what the Japanese do.

A: Sounds tough. You also place big dishes in the middle of the table and eat out of it together, right?

B: Yes.

A: Well, that's different from America. We usually distribute each dish among the people at the table before eating. Isn't it more sanitary that way?

B: It might be. But we feel more like a family if we eat out of one plate together.



1. Banquet
2. Steak
3. Intention
4. Sanitary
5. Etiquette

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What are the table manners in your country?

The image features a central title "Good Table Manners" in large, colorful letters, with the subtitle "Please" and "Thank you" below it. Surrounding this central text are ten cartoon illustrations of animals at tables, each with a label describing a table manner:

- No Playing:** A monkey sitting at a blue table, juggling a banana and holding a red balloon.
- No Reaching:** An elephant sitting at a yellow table, reaching its trunk over the table edge to grab a plate.
- Be Grateful:** A bear sitting at a green table, holding a glass and looking thoughtful.
- Napkin in Lap:** A kangaroo sitting at a yellow table, holding a red napkin in its lap.
- Mouth Closed:** A dog sitting at a red table, with its mouth open as if eating or talking.
- Clean Hands:** A squirrel sitting at a blue table, washing its hands in a sink.
- No Elbows:** A white rabbit sitting at a green table, with its elbows on the table.
- Sit Up Straight:** A cat sitting on a red stool at a yellow table, slumped over.
- Hats Off:** A yellow duck wearing a red hat, sitting at a red table with the hat on the table.
- Hold Silverware Correctly:** A mouse sitting at a green table, holding a fork and knife.

***Thank you for
today!***

***I'm looking forward to
seeing you again!***