Course: Intermediate Level 2 Day 23

TABLE MANNERS

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Are table manners important?

Day 23: Asking about table manners

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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.

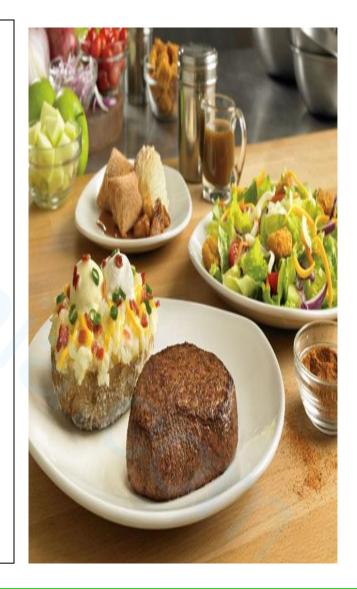


Dialogue 3: When you have a full course meal

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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 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

What are the table manners in your country?



Thank you for today!

I'm looking forward to seeing you again!