



# Table Etiquette

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Table manners involve more than just the way we eat, being observant and considerate of others is the essence of being a well-mannered diner.

- Men should not sit down until all the women are seated.
- Before you start eating, it is polite to wait until all diners have been served.
- Don't rush.... eat a little at a time, pause, relax and enjoy polite conversation with your fellow diners.
- Never talk with your mouth full.
- Do remember to use your table napkin.
- No matter how dull the person on your left may be, it is bad manners to devote all your attention to the person on your right – even if they are more interesting to talk to! It is also rude to monopolize the conversation.
- In the absence of a waiter/waitress it is good manners to pass around the wine and serving dishes, to others, before serving yourself.
- Always use the serving utensils to help yourself to more food, not your own cutlery.
- When you have finished your meal, place your knife and fork next to each other at the 6 o'clock position on your plate.
- If you are the host/hostess do remember to thank your guests for joining you.
- If you are the guest, a 'thank you' phone call and/or a handwritten 'thank you' note is always well received and very much appreciated!

~ Etiquette for every aspect of life! ~  
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