



LANGUAGE LINKS

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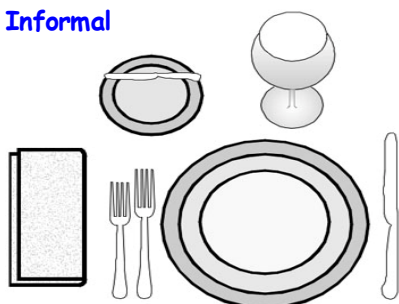
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what's happening this week?

Table Etiquette

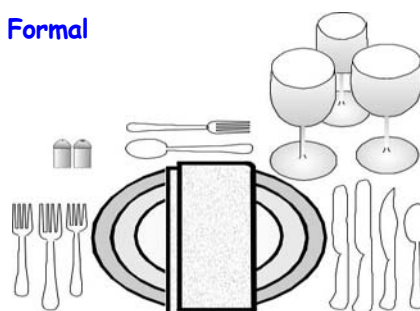
The following formal and informal table settings are a generalized contemporary example of an American table setting.

Informal



Above the plate, left to right:
Bread & butter plate, butter
knife, wine/water glass.
Plate row, left to right: Napkin,
salad fork, dinner fork, salad
plate, plate, dinner knife.

Formal



Above the plate, left to right: Salt &
pepper, dessert fork & spoon, water/wine
glasses. Plate row, left to right: Fish fork,
dinner fork, salad fork, napkin, rim soup
plate, plate, salad knife, dinner knife, fish
knife, soup spoon.

If you want to improve your English skills, you should give yourself a chance to be exposed to English as much as you can. Listening to our guest speaker this Friday will be one such opportunity. As we all know, different cultures have different customs and values, and a lack of cross-cultural awareness can result in displays of inappropriate behaviour, some of which may cause offence. One area of importance in cross-cultural awareness is that of the different rules of etiquette concerning dining. Understanding correct etiquette can help us to conduct ourselves in an appropriate manner while entertaining and dining with people from other cultures. This will be the topic of Friday's presentation by our guest speaker. This 'outside the-classroom learning' has been organized in order to enhance your listening skills, and to provide a chance for you to get familiar with certain aspects of cross-cultural awareness.

NOTE:

- Please dress neatly and wear your nametag.
- See you at Narathip Auditorium at 9.45.

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Here's the Answer...

Question Tags

Q: I get confused about how to give a response for a tag with a negative statement. Could you explain?

A: We answer a tag question according to the **truth** of the situation. Your answer reflects the real facts, not (necessarily) the question.

For example, everyone knows that **snow is white**. Look at these **questions**, and the **correct answers**:



Tag Question	Correct Answer		
Snow is white, isn't it?	Yes (it is).	The answer is the <i>same</i> in both cases because snow IS WHITE!	However, notice the change of stress when the answerer does not agree with the questioner.
Snow isn't white, is it?	Yes it is!		
Snow is black, isn't it?	No it isn't!	The answer is the same in both cases because snow IS NOT BLACK!	
Snow isn't black, is it?	No (it isn't).		



In some languages, people answer a question like “*Snow isn't black, is it?*” with “*Yes*” (meaning “*Yes, I agree with you*”). This is the **wrong answer** in English!

Here are some more examples, with correct answers:

- The moon goes round the earth, doesn't it? Yes, it does.
- The earth is bigger than the moon, isn't it? Yes.
- The earth is bigger than the sun, isn't it? **No, it isn't!**
- Asian people don't like rice, do they? **Yes, they do!**
- Elephants live in Europe, don't they? **No, they don't!**
- Men don't have babies, do they? No.
- The English alphabet doesn't have 40 letters, does it? **No, it doesn't.**



Source: <http://www.englishclub.com/grammar/verbs-questions-tag.htm>

Culture Corner



Customs & Culture Quiz



Before moving to a new country, it is important to learn as much about its culture as possible. Following are some examples of how cultures differ around the world.

Austria

Restaurants that have passed government inspection display a symbol with the letter "G" on it.

Brazil

Make appointments at least two weeks in advance; showing up without one is unacceptable.

Germany

Local food markets do not provide bags for your purchases; bring your own.



Great Britain

Expect to hear the phrase "Thank you" each time a waiter or waitress delivers something to your table.



Hungary

Businesswomen generally are not expected to pay for a meal.



Iran

In this country, when you shake hands with a child, you are showing respect to his or her parents.

Morocco

Business people are expected to shake each of their colleagues' hands upon arrival at work every morning.



Norway

Do not take your spouse to business meetings at restaurants.

Philippines

Never criticize or argue publicly with a local.

<http://www.branchor.com/culturequiz.htm>

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LEARNING STRATEGIES

Go Back to Your Future!

Maybe you have studied English for a long time. Are you still making progress? If you want to start moving forward again, maybe you should start by going backwards! What does it mean to go BACK to your FUTURE? It means you need to REVIEW!



Go get all of your old textbooks and notebooks and start studying again from the beginning, but do it quickly. You could also get some simple textbooks that you've never seen before and read those quickly too.



Reviewing can help you move forward because it helps to strengthen your "base" in English. You can now understand much more than you did the first time you studied, so you can see the deeper meaning behind the words. Now you can notice how words are used and how they are combined with other words. All of these little details will help you understand more difficult English in the future. But if you DO NOT review, your future will definitely be more difficult.

Reviewing is easy and enjoyable, so you can do it even when you are tired. Spend two weeks just for review once or twice a year and you will see a much brighter future!



<http://www.teacherjoe.us/LearnEnglish03.html>

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FUN WITH ENGLISH

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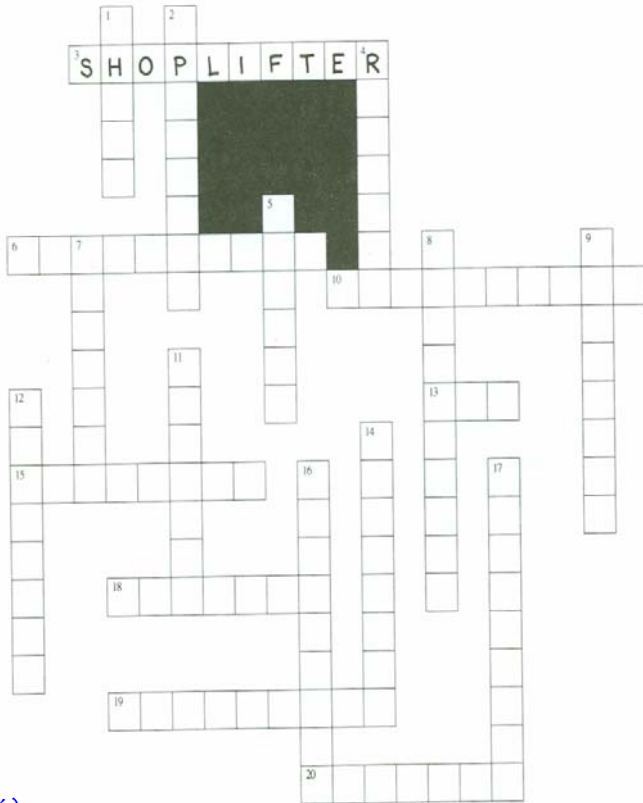
Read the sentences and complete the crossword. (See example)

Across

- 3 Someone who takes something from a shop without paying for it. (10)
- 6 A person who represents his or her country abroad. (10)
- 10 Someone who eats fruit and vegetables, but never eats meat. (10)
- 13 A person who gets secret information from another country. (3)
- 15 A person who has deliberately killed someone. (8)
- 18 Someone who sees a person breaking the law. (7)
- 19 A person who draws plans for new buildings. (9)
- 20 A person who betrays his or her own country. (7)

Down

- 1 Someone who steals. (5)
- 2 Someone who always looks for the best in life. (8)
- 4 Someone who has left his or her country for political reasons. (7)
- 5 Someone who rides a horse in a race. (6)
- 7 Someone who breaks into houses, shops, etc. in order to steal. (7)
- 8 Someone who is travelling on foot in a street. (10)
- 9 An unmarried man. (8)
- 11 Someone who visits another country or district for a holiday. (7)
- 12 Someone who writes music. (8)
- 14 Someone on the other side in a game or a contest. (8)
- 16 A shopkeeper who sells newspapers. (9)
- 17 Someone who watches a sport or an event without taking part himself or herself. (9)



TEST YOUR VOCABULARY, It's crossword time! 2, Peter Watcyn-Jones

Answers no.1

English	Science (Physics/
French	Chemistry/Biology)
Geography	Games
History	Music
Maths/	Art
Mathematics	Religion

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