

Mind Your Manners

Directions: Match each description in the left-hand column with the correct term from the right-hand column. Write the letter of the term in the space provided. Not all terms will be used. Then follow the directions in *Creative Place Cards*.

Descriptions

- _____ 1. Parts of a meal
- _____ 2. Food items priced separately on a menu
- _____ 3. Main course
- _____ 4. Eating utensils
- _____ 5. Accepted rules of mealtime behavior
- _____ 6. Dishes, glasses, and eating utensils
- _____ 7. Arrangement of tableware and flatware for each person
- _____ 8. Optional first course, generally in small portions

Terms

- A. appetizer
- B. tableware
- C. etiquette
- D. courses
- E. place setting
- F. centerpiece
- G. à la carte
- H. entrée
- I. formal dinner
- J. flatware

Creative Place Cards

For formal or large gatherings, many people add place cards to the table setting to indicate where each guest should sit. Each place card is labeled with a guest's name. Place cards may be simple cards folded over, or they may be more elaborate and fit in with the theme of the dinner. For instance, for a fall or winter gathering, place cards might be placed in pine cones.

Choose three of the following types of gatherings and, for each, come up with a creative way to show guests where to sit: spring dinner, winter holiday family gathering, patriotic party, tropical-theme party, football party, back-to-school party, going away party, movie-based party. Write your ideas on separate paper, along with a simple drawing of each.

You are the Expert

Directions: Imagine you are an etiquette expert with a weekly newspaper column for children and teens. Your readers depend on you for good advice on manners. Respond to each question below.

1	<p>Dear Etiquette Expert: At my house we do not usually talk much during dinner. We all like to read, and we are usually reading something different. My aunt says this is rude. Is she right? —Dinner Bookworm</p> <p>Dear Bookworm: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
2	<p>Dear Etiquette Expert: Why are there so many different forks and spoons for a fancy table setting? What are they all used for? —Confused</p> <p>Dear Confused: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
3	<p>Dear Etiquette Expert: My older brother chews with his mouth open, and it's really gross. He talks while he eats, too. It's embarrassing when I have friends over for dinner. How can I get my brother to stop being so gross? —Embarrassed Kid</p> <p>Dear Embarrassed: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
4	<p>Dear Etiquette Expert: My friend has invited me over for dinner. His family is from another country, and my mother says they have different customs than us. How will I know what to do when I'm there? —Worried</p> <p>Dear Worried: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
5	<p>Dear Etiquette Expert: My father says, when I eat at a friend's house, I should offer to help clean up the dishes afterwards. I think that since I'm a guest, I really do not have to do this. What do you think? —Dinner Guest</p> <p>Dear Guest: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>