Table Manners



Activity One

Learn the words for each different tableware item:

Cutlery:
Knife, Fork, Spoon, Serving spoon, teaspoon

Glassware:
Wine glass, water class, tumbler, shot glass,

China:
Dinner plate, side plate, bowl, cup, saucer, serving bowl, mug, egg cup

Other:
Table cloth, napkin, napkin holder, napkin ring, gravy dish

Activity Two - Memory Game.

You have thirty seconds to see a picture of a table, or the contents of a real tray. Then you have to remember everything that is on it. Let's see who has the best memory.

Activity Three - Mind your manners.

One of the places where good, or bad manners are the most obvious is at the table. As it is a confined space it's particularly obvious if someone is ill mannered. When you eat with someone for the first time at a table, it affects your opinion of them if they have bad manners. If someone has very good manners at the table, it makes you think well of them.

Here are some good and bad manners. Write the word good, or bad next to them.

Taking food before anyone else.
Reaching across the table.
Waiting for everyone else before you start eating.
Asking for more without saying please or thank you.
Telling the cook that the meal is delicious.
Putting your elbows on the table
Talking with your mouth full.
Offering everything to other people before you take some yourself.
Filling all the other glasses before you fill yours.
Saying please and thank you when you ask someone to pass something.
Making noises while you eat
passing wind at the table
making polite conversation
Using a knife and fork
sitting up straight at the table



Activity Four - Good manners - expressions.

Here are a list of expressions and words we use at the table when we want to ask nicely for something or thank someone politely.

Please
Thank you
Please could you pass
Would you mind passing
Please may I have
Would you mind if I helped myself to
Would anyone like some more
Can I serve you some
Thanks so much
The meal is delicious thank you
What a delicious meal
No thank you.

Activity Five - Role Plays - Act out the following scenes:

1/ You are at the table with your new boyfriend and he has very bad table manners.
2/ You are the Queen at Buckingham Palace having afternoon tea.
3/ You are at the table with one of your children and you are trying to teach them good manners.
4/ One very polite and one very ill mannered person are having dinner together.

Activity Six - video - Watch the video and list the bad table manners you see. – '**King of Queens, Bad Table Manners, You Tube.'**

Activity Seven - Table Plan

when you are laying the table, which item goes where? With your partner work on a table plan drawing, which shows the correct way to put everything. Then show the class. Here are some words to help you:

Next too
Above
Below
On the left
On the right
On top of
Underneath
In the middle



Activity Eight – Ask and Answer the questions.

Do you think table manners are important?
How polite are you personally at the table?
Do you always eat your meals at the table?
Do you use side plates?
Do you use more than one type of knife and fork?
Do you use more than one type of glass?