

Skills for Living

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Topic 16-2

Making Dining Enjoyable

- In this topic, you will learn how to use proper etiquette when dining, as well as
 - ❖ **Hosting a meal**
 - ❖ **Manners when dining**

Making Dining Enjoyable

Objectives for Topic 16-2

After studying this topic, you will be able to

- list responsibilities of someone hosting a meal
- describe appropriate manners to use when dining

Topic 16-2 Term

❖ etiquette

Hosting a Meal



- *Etiquette* is approved social conduct, also called good manners
- Hosting a meal is more pleasant when you practice good manners

Hosting a Meal

- Begin serving when all guests are seated
- Invite guests to begin eating if you are still serving food
- Avoid leaving the table to attend to kitchen tasks
- Guide appropriate conversations during the meal
- Save detailed cleanup for after guests have left

Manners When Dining

- As a guest,
 - ❖ plan to arrive on time
 - ❖ come to the table in a pleasant frame of mind
 - ❖ use good manners to feel comfortable and help others feel comfortable with you



Manners When Dining

- Never put utensils you have used into serving dishes
- Use outermost pieces of flatware first
- Wait for your host to begin the meal
- Never chew with your mouth open or talk with your mouth full
- When in doubt, follow your host's lead
- Use fingers only with finger foods
- Place used flatware on the edge of your plate
- Avoid leaving the table until your host rises

Summary for Topic 16-2

- To make dining enjoyable, be considerate of every person at the table, especially guests
- Know and practice table manners so they become second nature to you