

# Table Manners



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in the West, you have your own plate of food, while in China the dishes are placed on the table and everyone shares.

## Western dinner table



Hosts often sit at the end of the table, the nearer to the hosts the more important the guests are

## Chinese dinner table

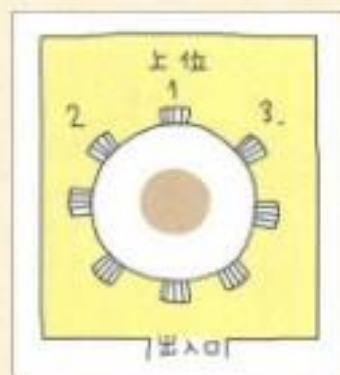




总体原则：“以右为尊”、“以远为上”、“面朝大门为尊”

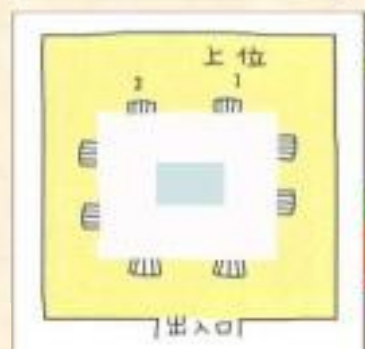
## 圆桌

正对大门的为首席，上位左右手边的位置，则以离首席的距离来看，越靠近首席位置越尊，相同距离则右侧尊于左侧。



## 八仙桌

如果有正对大门的座位，则正对大门一侧的右位为首席。如果不正对大门，则面东的一侧右席为首席。



## 大宴

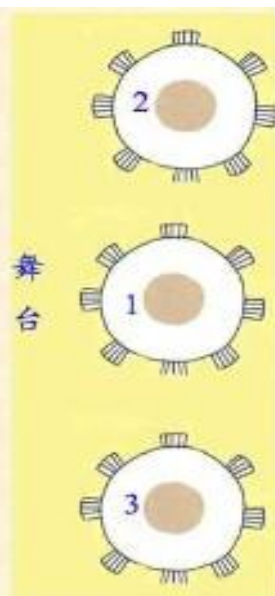
桌与桌间的排列讲究首席居前居中，右边依次2、4、6席，左边为3、5、7席，根据主客身份、地位，亲疏分坐。

### 主人：

提前到达，然后在靠门位置等待，并为来宾引座。

### 宾客：

听从东道主安排入座。



# Chinese Table Manners

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- ❑ Not rude to reach in front of someone to grab something
- ❑ Polite to reach for food with chopsticks
- ❑ Chinese host like to put food on your plate for you
- ❑ Your host will fill up your dish if it is empty
- ❑ Never take the last bit from a serving dish
- ❑ begins with a set of at least four cold dishes

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未妨惆怅是清狂

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# Business Table Manners in China

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- ☐ Banquets (宴会) start around 6:30-7:00 p.m.
  - ☐ Last about 2 hours
  - ☐ Arrive 30 minutes before your guests
  - ☐ Business is not always discussed during a meal
  - ☐ Never eat before your host
  - ☐ Return the favor
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# American Table Manners

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- ☐ Food is passed around the table
- ☐ If something is out of your reach, you ask politely for someone to pass it to you
- ☐ Not rude to leave plate full
- ☐ Not rude to leave your plate empty
- ☐ Not rude to take last item off dish

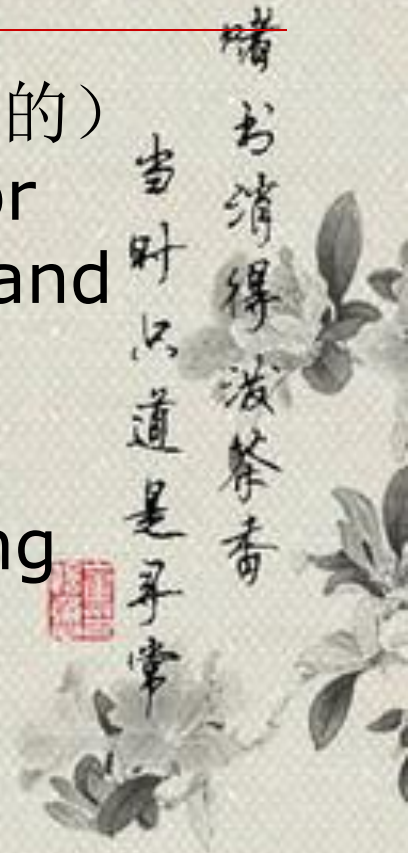




# Business Table Manners in America

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- ☐ Arrive early, especially if you are the host
- ☐ Pay for the meal in advance
- ☐ Courteous(客气的) to hold the door open for male and female
- ☐ Business *is* discussed during the meal



# Eating Habits in China

- Dishes are placed on the table and everybody shares
- Give guests a taste of many different types of dishes
- Hostess like to put food into the plates of their guests.
- When eating rice hold bowl close to mouth
- Eat lightly at meals, could be up to 20 courses

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# Eating Habits **in** America

- Food is passed to the right
- Have own plate of food
- Try little of everything
- Keep table cloth clean
- Food lifted to mouth
- Repulsive (令人厌恶的) to talk with mouth full
- No elbows on table
- Do not clean your teeth at the table, either with your finger or a tooth pick(牙签), not even with you tongue.



- Chinese are very proud of their culture of cuisine (菜肴) and will do their best to show their hospitality.





# What are good table manners ?

**\*how to use knives , forks  
and chopsticks?**

**when to drink a toast ,  
how to behave at the table.**





**index finger(食指) hold the back of a knife**



**Cut stead into small pieces  
and use back of fork to  
stabbed into mouth**



**Utensils placement in the meal**



**Utensils placement after the meal**



# China's Chopsticks

- Chopsticks for eating rice
- Polite if try to use chopsticks
- Bad luck in set parallel on top of bowl, or dropped
- rude to Point your chopsticks to sth. or sb.
- Don't tap on your bowl with your chopsticks.



- Rude if chopsticks are stuck straight up in bowl ( this is that when somebody dies, the shrine to them )
- Impolitely to move your chopsticks around in the air before you decide what to get with your chopsticks.



## 飄移筷

被眼前眾多美食迷惑，  
不知該夾哪道才好。

## 撿骨筷



以筷傳筷的用法，  
這和撿骨沒兩樣。

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## 亂排筷

硬是從一大盤菜裡，  
挑出自己想吃的。



## 撥雲筷

用筷子當工具，硬是把  
遠處的菜給撈過來。

## 刺刀筷

把筷子當作刺刀，  
往食物猛插亂攪。



## 棒棒筷

把筷子當作棒棒糖，  
放在嘴裡含。

## 點水筷

彷彿蜻蜓點水一般，  
沾過食物卻又不吃。

## 香爐筷

把筷子當香，  
插在白飯上。  
這樣很不吉利喔！



## 平行筷

將筷子橫跨在碗上。



## 排豆筷

用筷子一粒粒地夾  
起米飯送進口。

## 垂淚筷

筷子上還留有湯汁，  
宛如「梨花帶淚」。  
請先以餐巾擦乾再用吧！



# Americans Utensils (餐具)

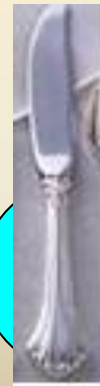
- Start with the outer utensils, and work in towards your plate
- Only spoon provided is soup spoon
- Salad fork has thicker tine at left
- Fish fork and knife
- Most inner fork and knife are for meat
- If tea or coffee or going to be served a teaspoon will be brought out with it





**Bread & butter plate**

**dinner plate**



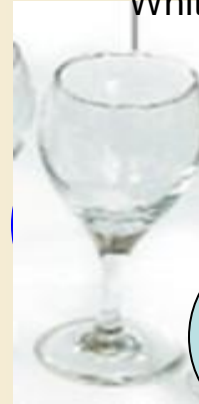
Water glass



Red wine glass



White wine glass



Champagne glass



Dinner knife

salad knife

teaspoon

Soupspoon





To eat soup, put the spoon away from the body while sipping it from the side. Never blow on it, or slurp it from the spoon.



**X** Rude to drink soup with hands







# American Napkin



應該摺成三角形或對摺  
放於腿上。



不是圍在脖子上，或塞  
在領口，這是小朋友的  
作法。



for a while

Once seated put mess  
napkin on lap (大腿)  
that occurred during  
meal

# What are good table manners ?

Pray and **keep silent** for a moment .Then say  
“enjoy your meal”to each other and start  
eating .

Keep the knife in your right hand and the fork  
in your left .

Never **ask for** a second bowl of soup.

Use fingers when eating chicken or other birds.

Finish eating everything on your plate .

Speak quietly and smile a lot .

Raise your glasses and **take only a sip.**(一小口)



- Every one should know the table manners!

Thank you! BYE