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## Inviting a Friend to Dinner

### Learning Objective

Upon completion of this lesson, you will be able to...  
**invite a friend over to your house for dinner.**

### Expression Check

- Do you have any plans this weekend?
- Would you like to come over for dinner?
- What time works best for you?

## 1. Warm up Activity

Describe the situation in the picture within one minute.



Talk about the questions.

1. Which do you like better: going out for dinner or being invited to a friend's house?
2. Do you ever get invited to friends' houses for dinner?
3. Have you ever invited someone to your house for dinner?

## 2. Useful Expressions

Match the expressions on the left with the similar meaning on the right.

a) What are you up to this weekend?

b) How about letting me cook you dinner on Saturday?

c) How does six o'clock sound to you?

d) What time shall I pick you up?

• 1. Does six o'clock suit you?

• 2. When would you like me to get you?

• 3. Do you have any plans this weekend?

• 4. Would you like to come over for dinner on Saturday?

### 3. Key Conversation

 Think of the useful expressions and practice the dialogue.

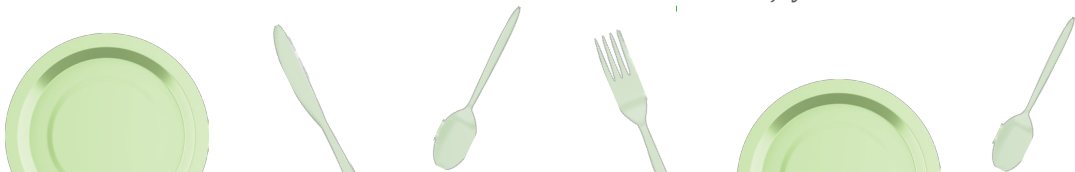
## How About Dinner?

- Lisa** Hey, how's your day going?
- Linda** Not too bad, but I can't wait for it to be over.
- Lisa** Do you have any plans this weekend?
- Linda** Nothing special. Why do you ask?
- Lisa** Would you like to come over to my place for dinner on Saturday?
- Linda** I'd love to. What time on Saturday?
- Lisa** It doesn't matter to me. What time works best for you?
- Linda** How does six o'clock sound to you?
- Lisa** Shall I pick you up around 5:30?
- Linda** Perfect, I'll be ready. What can I bring?
- Lisa** Nothing. I'll take care of everything.



### Questions

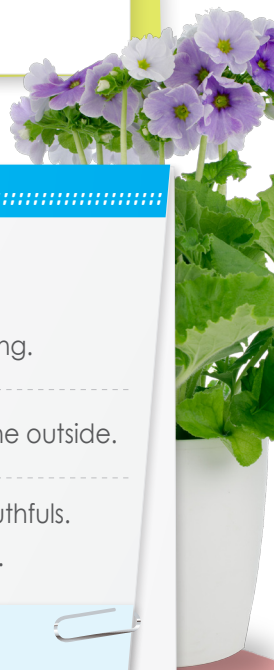
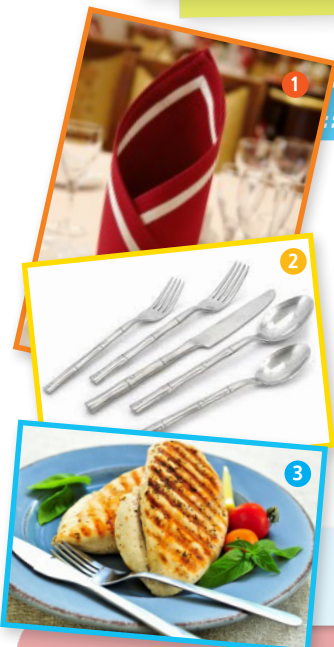
1. Do you think Linda is having a tough day?
2. Do you think this is the first time they have made plans together?
3. Do you think Lisa is going to be busy on Saturday?
4. Do you think Linda is going to enjoy herself?



### TOP THREE TABLE MANNERS TO REMEMBER

1. Unfold your napkin and place it on your knee.
  - Use it for wiping your lips or fingers.
  - At the end of dinner, leave the napkin neatly folded on the place setting.
2. If there are several different pieces of cutlery beside the plate, start at the outside.
3. While eating, rest knife and fork on either side of the plate between mouthfuls. When finished eating, place them side by side in the center of the plate.

Q. When was the last time you were invited to a dinner party?



## 4. Language Practice

Change the underlined key words to make your own sentences.

### Practice #1 Asking plans

- this weekend
  - after work
  - Saturday night
- ★ Do you have any plans this weekend?
- ★ What are you up to after work?
- ★ Are you doing anything Saturday night?

### Practice #2 Inviting

- come over for dinner
  - get together
  - have a bite
- ★ Would you like to come over for dinner?
- ★ Are you into getting together for dinner at my place?
- ★ How about having a bite to eat together at my house?

### Practice #3 Arranging time

- six o'clock
  - a half past five
  - a quarter to seven
- ★ How does six o'clock sound to you?
- ★ Does a half past five suit you?
- ★ Would you be okay with a quarter to seven?

## The Most Difficult Dinner Guests Ever and 3 Delicious Meals to Feed Them

### THE 5 MOST CHALLENGING DINNER GUESTS EVER

VEGAN

GLUTEN  
INTOLERANT

ALLERGIC  
TO EGGS

ALLERGIC  
TO NUTS

LACTOSE  
INTOLERANT

### 3 Meals to Feed Nearly Anyone

1

Mushroom Risotto with  
Caramelized Onions

Vegan, gluten-free, full of flavor

2

Braised Coconut Spinach and  
Chickpeas with Lemon

A deeply delicious stew, vibrant  
and colorful

3

Soba Noodle Salad with  
Bok Choy

Make sure to use gluten-free  
soba noodles in this fresh  
soba dish.

Q1. Have you ever prepared food for your guests? What was the occasion?

Q2. What is the most popular menu for a house dinner party in your country?

## 5. Role Plays

Look at the situations and act out the role plays with your partner.

### The Situation #1

You play soccer every Sunday morning. You would like to have dinner with one of your teammates at your place. Invite him/her and arrange the best time for dinner.

### The Situation #2

You have no plans this weekend and you want to invite your friend over to your house for dinner. Ask him/her about their weekend plans and invite him/her over to your place for dinner.

### The Situation #3

You want to invite your next door neighbor over to your house for dinner. Call the neighbor and invite him/her for dinner.





## 6. Cultural Discussion Questions

Talk about the questions in as much detail as possible.

1. Do you think having a home-cooked meal is better than going out to eat at a restaurant?
2. Is it common for people from your country to invite people to their house for dinner?
3. What kinds of foods do you think are the best for home dinners with friends?
4. Do you think it is more expensive to have people over for dinner or to go out?

## Did You Know?

Read and discuss how you feel about each factor.

1. Did you know that the average American eats their meals out **4.2 times a week**?
2. Did you know that in New York City, the average dinner tab is **\$33.17** per person?



## 7. Slang & Idioms

Complete the sentences with the appropriate slang or idiom and practice.

- catch a bite
- eating me out of house and home
- to feed an army
- a spread
- last supper

1. You have really outdone yourself here, sweetheart. You have prepared quite .....
2. I need to go to the grocery store again. My kids are .....
3. I'm starving. Let's ..... before we watch the movie.
4. We have enough food at this potluck dinner to .....
5. The way you are eating, it's like your .....

# Thank You for Dinner

"Thanks again for dinner... everything was so delicious."

"Thank you for last night. We always have such a good time together."

"Thanks a ton for hosting dinner at your house."

"All the food was fantastic, and dessert was out of this world!"

"We had so much fun yesterday. Thank you for an amazing dinner."

- Q1. What do you usually say when you thank someone for dinner?
- Q2. Create your own thank you card to show your appreciation.



## Wrapping Up!

Write down four things you learned from this lesson and review.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

