

E-TALKING
BEST FOR YOU

A Dinner Party

Taking Care of Guests

view

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INTRODUCTION

Lesson objectives

Getting better at saying what you like and dislike.



One of the most common ways to spend time with friends and family is to share a meal together. When having guests to your home, there are many things to remember. In this lesson, we'll talk about the language we use when we take care of guests who visit our home.

START



WARM - U P

Do you like to have people coming over to your home?

Who visits your home most often?

What do you usually do when people come over?



GETTING STARTED

Pretend you are having a dinner party.

You can invite anyone you choose
(celebrities, people from history, friends, family).

Who would you invite and why?

Share your ideas with a partner.

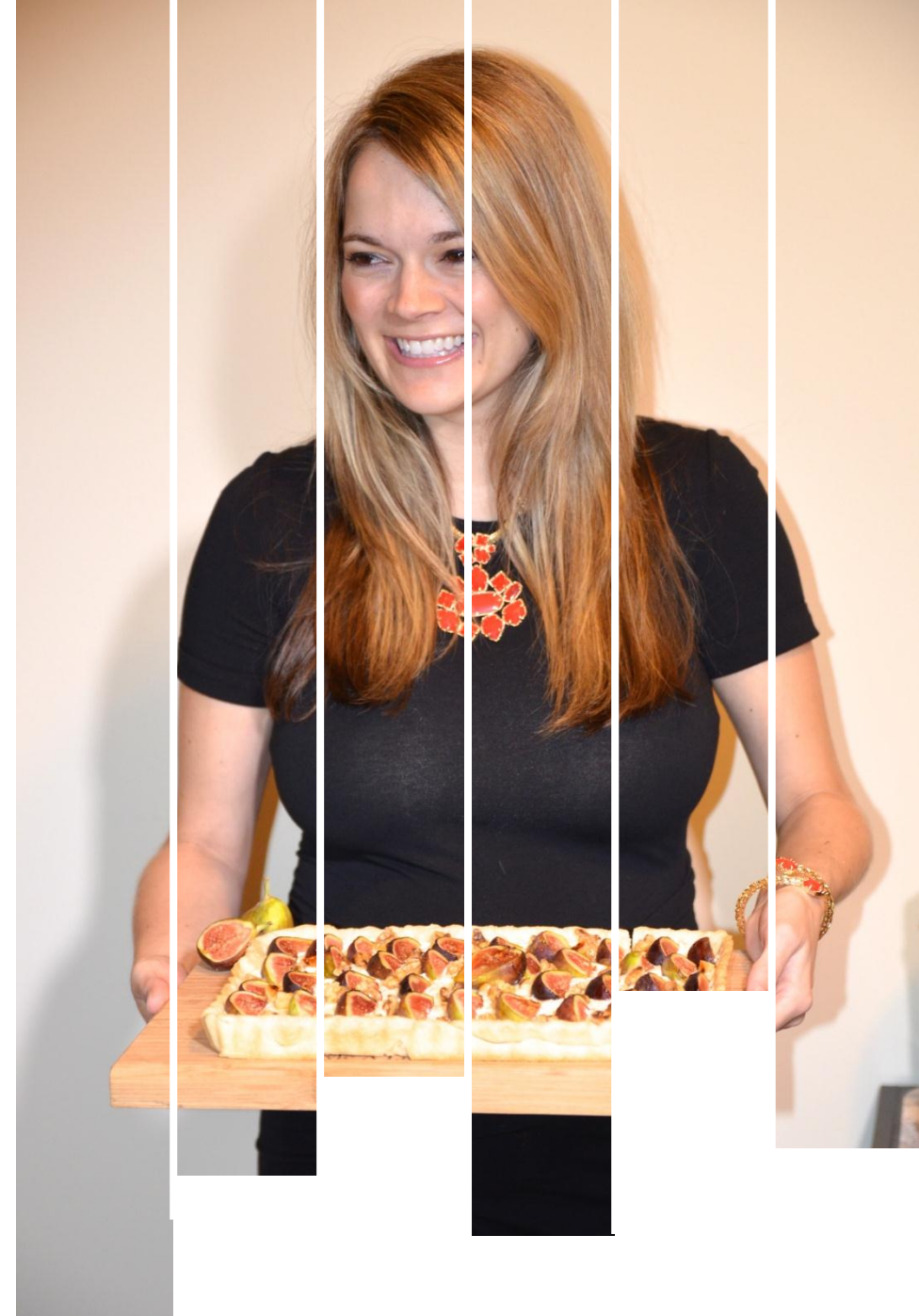
Come In!

When your guests arrive, welcome them to your home and thank them for coming. Remember to ask how they are doing. Sometimes a guest may bring a small gift as a **token** of thanks. If a guest brings a gift, remember to say thank you! If your guests are wearing coats, offer to take them with a simple, "Can I take your coat?" Be sure to put them someplace **accessible**.

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Token (noun) Symbol or gesture.

Accessible (adjective) Able to be reached easily.





DISCUSSION

If a guest has never been to your home, what other questions
could you ask?

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Have a Seat

Show your guests to the **proper** area of your home. This will depend on the type of party you are **hosting**. For example, is it an **informal** wine and cheese tasting or a **formal** sit-down dinner? Lead the way to the dining room, living room, den, poolside, etc. and point out any food that is already being served. Don't forget to offer your guests a drink.



Proper (adjective) Appropriate, fitting, right.

To host (verb) Having, throwing, holding (as a party or event).

Informal (adjective) Casual, relaxed.

Formal (adjective) Done following rules of convention or etiquette, traditional.



DISCUSSION

Which kinds of parties do you like to host—formal or informal?

Why?

Which kinds of parties do you like to attend?

Why?



Tend to Your Guests

Never leave guests **unattended**, especially if you have just one guest. You don't want your guests to feel bored. Some small gatherings work fine if you are cooking and a few guests are in or near the kitchen. **Generally**, you should prepare the food in advance so that you can spend more time with your guests.



Unattended (adjective) Not looked after, alone, ignored.
Generally (adverb) In most cases, usually.



DISCUSSION

Have you ever been left unattended at a party?
How did that make you feel?

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Help Your Guests

Show your guests where the bathroom is. Make sure there is plenty of toilet paper, soap, and clean hand towels. If a guest has not met anyone else at the party, make sure to introduce them to each person. Everyone must have someone to **chat** with!



To chat (verb) To have a casual conversation.



DISCUSSION

What can you do to help a guest who comes to a dinner party alone?
How can you make sure that they enjoy the party?



Relax and Enjoy

It's **all too easy** to get caught up in trying to have a perfect party. Relax. Your guests are there because they like your **company** and want to spend time with you. Remember to smile and enjoy the time you have with your guests. If you are enjoying yourself, your guests are likely to do the same.

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All too easy (phrase) Unfortunately common.
Company (noun) Companionship, friendship.



DISCUSSION

Have you ever been to a party where the host forgot to offer you a chair or a drink (or anything else)?

How did that make you feel?

Can a small thing such as this ruin a party for you?

Why or why not?

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REVIEW DISCUSSION

Think of the most fun party you've ever been to.
Did the host follow any of the ideas in this lesson?
What made the party so fun? What did you do?
What do you remember about it?





SPEAKING TASK

Role-play with a partner as the host/guest for your dream dinner party.
How will your language change according to the person you're speaking with?
Switch roles.



ASSESSMENT

Complete the sentences using the vocabulary words
from this lesson:



token/accessible/proper/hosting/informal/formal/unattended/generally/chat/all too easy/company

1. It's _____ to get caught up in buying gifts and forget about the true meaning of Christmas.
2. They installed a ramp to make the building more _____ to the handicapped.
3. Don't worry about changing clothes. It's just an _____ get-together.
4. Marisa learned the _____ way to set a table while working in the hotel restaurant.
5. It's _____ not a good idea to take too much time off work.
6. I live alone, but at least I have my dog, Medor, to keep me _____.
7. My dad is _____ a Super Bowl party for his college buddies.
8. Homecoming is my first _____ dance. I'm even getting my hair done.
9. Please accept these flowers as a _____ of my thanks for all your hard work.
10. Mom and Linda are having a _____ in the kitchen.



ASSESSMENT