# Lesson 40: Food and talk

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Was Mrs. Rumbold a good companion at dinner?

Last week at a dinner party, the hostess asked me to sit next to Mrs. Rumbold.

Mrs. Rumbold was a large, unsmiling lady in a tight black dress.

She did not even look up when I took my seat beside her.

Her eyes were fixed on her plate, and in a short time, she was busy eating.

I tried to make conversation.

“A new play is coming to ‘The Globe' soon," J said.

“Will you be seeing it?" a large, unsmiling lady

“No,” she answered.

“Will you be spending your holidays abroad this year?" I asked.

“No," she answered.

“Will you be staying in England?" I asked.

“No,” she answered.

In despair, I asked her whether she was enjoying her dinner.

“Young man," she answered, “if you ate more and talked less, we would both enjoy our dinner!"

The writer sat next to Mrs. Rumbold at the dinner party.

He tried to make it, but she was busy eating.

He talked about the new play at ‘The Globe’ and the holidays.

She answered his questions briefly.

Then he asked her if she was enjoying her dinner, and she answered, “ Young man, if you ate more and talked less, we would both enjoy our dinner!"

She not only refused to answer any questions, but she did not ask any either.

She was interested neither in the theater nor in travel.

She liked eating good food, but she did not like talking about it.

He is out; we'll call tomorrow.

If I have time, I will be writing to him tomorrow.

You'll miss the train if you don't hurry.

Please don't disturb him if he is busy; if he is working, don't disturb him.

If you went to the exhibition now, you would enjoy it.

If you saw him now, you wouldn't recognize him.

Would he get annoyed if I told him about it?

If I were in your position, I would act differently.

He would help you if he were here.

You could make him change his mind; you would save him a lot of trouble.

He would enjoy this if he were present.

She can do better if she tries.

If you play with matches, you will burn your fingers.

If you broke this window, you would have to pay for it.

If you lost your way, you would have to ask a policeman.

If you do not apologize, he will never speak to you again.

If he were clever, he would not have any difficulty.

What would you do if you won a lot of money?

If I were you, I would not be so confident.

If you could help me, I would be grateful.

I tried to make conversation.

When she had made the beds, she went downstairs.

You mustn't make so much noise.

I made a promise never to see him again.

He's the sort of person who always makes trouble.

He is learning English, but he hasn't made much progress.

He made a lot of money in South America.

I was asked to make a speech.

We'll never make the same mistake again.

I found it difficult to make up my mind.

He always does his best.

When did you do your homework?

Do me a favor, please.

I did a few jobs around the house.

I can't do any more work today.

I want you to do Exercise 24 on page 16.

I did a lot of shopping yesterday.

That shop does very good business.

He made a mistake, and I told him to do the exercise again.

He does business in Australia and makes a lot of money.

I know you are doing your best, but you are not making very much progress.

After I had made the beds, I went out and did some shopping.

The writer asked questions because he wanted to be sociable.

Which word best describes Mrs. Rumbold?

She was rude.

The writer sat next to Mrs. Rumbold during the dinner party.

She asked me to sit next to Mrs. Rumbold.

"Please sit next to her," she said.

I took my seat beside her.

I sat beside her.

A new play is coming to "The Globe" soon.

It hasn't come yet.

I asked her if she was enjoying her dinner.

The opposite of "tight" is loose.

Her eyes were fixed on the plate.

She was staring at it.

"The Globe" must be a theater.

Mrs. Rumbold won't go abroad.

She rarely goes overseas.

Are you enjoying your dinner?

Is it giving you pleasure?