Unit 6



socialising

☞ To most people in Western society, socialising is an important concept. The purposes of getting together with other people are varied: usually the main reason for social activities is relaxation or enjoyment, for example friends meeting on a Saturday night for a drink. Sometimes the gathering has a more formal or celebratory function (e.g. a wedding), or you can go out for a meal and mix business with pleasure by entertaining a prospective client, and so on.

EXERCISE 1

Below are five different social functions. Unscramble the letters to find out what they are (they all involve food).

D D N I W G E _____

➥ marriage is involved

E I N D N R T Y A P R _____

➥ an evening meal for a group of people

C I P I C N _____

➥ an outdoor meal

C A R B E U B E _____

➥ a meal which consists of food cooked outside on a grill

S A F T E _____

➥ a large quantity of food, wine, etc. usually accompanied by celebrations



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EXERCISE 2

Eating out or with company sometimes means we have to respect certain conventions of ***politeness*** *or* ***etiquette****. Put in the correct verb to complete the list of table manners below:*

cut	suck	slurp	lick	close	chew	speak	keep

1 _____ your elbows off the table.

2 _____ your mouth when chewing your food.

3 Don't _____ with your mouth full.

4 Don't _____ your fingers.

5 _____ your food slowly.

6 Don't _____ loudly through a straw.

7 _____ your food into small pieces.

8 Don't _____ drinks or soup loudly.



EXERCISE 3

Put in order of importance the following reasons for socialising:

- ☐ to enjoy yourself
- ☐ to forget your problems
- ☐ to meet people
- ☐ to dance
- ☐ to celebrate a special occasion
- ☐ to see your friends
- ☐ to find out the latest gossip
- ☐ to get out of the house



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EXERCISE 4

Tick the following if you have ever been there. Put an **L** *next to the ones you have not been to but would like to attend or visit and an* **X** *next to the ones that definitely do not interest you:*



✔–L–X		✔–L–X	
	ballet		art gallery
	opera		zoo
	theatre		restaurant
	concert (pop/rock)		disco
	concert (classical)		carnival
	museum		wedding



Can you give reasons for your preferences?

_____

_____

EXERCISE 5

Fill the gaps in the sentences with the correct word from the box below:

chat	argue	whisper	gossip	shout	mumble

1 I'd like to have a _____ with you about your holiday plans.

2 There's no need to _____ ; I can hear you quite well.

3 Why do you have to _____ with me every time I make a suggestion?

4 Don't waste my time with this idle _____ .

5 Speak up! I can't understand what you're saying when you _____ like that.

6 _____ in my ear so nobody else can hear.

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EXERCISE 6

Words connected with humour

Match the following:

1 to tell	☐ someone's leg
2 to make fun of	☐ a joke
3 to pull	☐ someone

Fill the gaps with the correct phrase:

1 Everyone expects the best man to _____ a few _____ at a wedding.

2 You shouldn't _____ just because they make a mistake.

3 Don't believe Uncle Jake's stories about being a spy; he's just _____ .

EXERCISE 7

Use the following words to complete the sentences which follow:

kidding	silly	witty	hilarious	funny	amusing

1 You might find it _____ to write slogans on the school walls, but I certainly don't!

2 "I've just seen George Michael in the supermarket!" "No _____ !"

3 You look a bit _____ in that dress; maybe it's too big for you.

4 Don't be _____ , dear. Of course I don't believe in UFOs.

5 He has a great sense of humour and a very _____ turn of phrase.

6 Did you see The Benny Hill Show last night? It was absolutely _____ .



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