

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



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



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

- I'd like to have a _____ with you about your holiday plans.
- There's no need to _____; I can hear you quite well.
- Why do you have to _____ with me every time I make a suggestion?
- Don't waste my time with this idle _____.
- Speak up! I can't understand what you're saying when you _____ like that.
- _____ in my ear so nobody else can hear.

EXERCISE 6**Words connected with humour***Match the following:*

1 to tell

2 to make fun of

3 to pull

☐ someone's leg☐ a joke☐ 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 _____.

