

# 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?

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## 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

