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Unit

1

Warm-up



Listen and Speak

Listen to the tape and fill in the blanks with the words given, then relate the details you catch to your class or learning group.

freedom programmer cartoons hurry picture France

1. The English people are believed to be very conservative and the French people are famous for their romance, but Americans are always in a _____. The United States was once the colony of England and it was _____ who has presented the Statue of Liberty to the united States as state gift. They think America should be a country of _____ and democracy.

2. Can you imagine yourself living and working in somewhere far away from your birth place? Maybe you _____ yourself working as a computer _____ in Beijing and practicing Wushu, the martial art, in your free time. Drink Champagne and listen to the works of Beethoven and eat Italian pizza and watch Japanese _____. That means you are involved in globalization.

Word Game

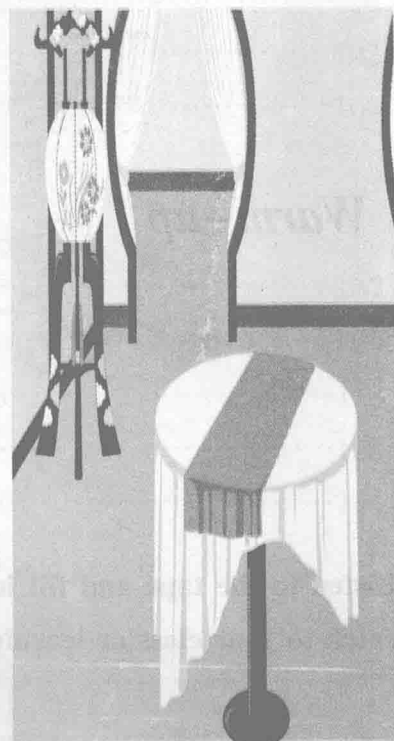
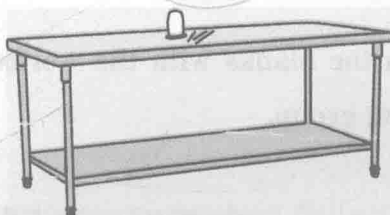
Match the English with the Chinese meaning with a line.

Column A

1. 餐巾纸
2. 牙签
3. 调味瓶
4. 手推餐具车
5. 桌布
6. 玻璃器皿
7. 烟灰缸

Column B

- A. glass ware
- B. ashtray
- C. serving-cart
- D. cruet
- E. table cloth
- F. toothpick
- G. napkin paper



Lead-in Questions

Suppose you are going to study abroad, and you are not sure about whether you can be used to the western food as well as the diet culture. Maybe you will be curious about the following questions. Now answer the questions.

1. Why is it important to know table manners?
2. Are you familiar with the western diet culture?
3. Can you find the great differences between Chinese diet and western diet?
4. How much do you know about the Chinese table manners? Give some examples.

Dining around the World

1 “Mabel, Mabel, strong and able, keep your elbows off the table.” I was only 3 or 4 years old when my mom taught me this little **rhyme**¹. She taught it to teach me polite table **manners**².

2 I wish learning table manners as an adult were that easy. Each country I’ve traveled to has **presented**³ a new set of rules. Some are easy to discover—some are not. And **keeping track**⁴ of them may give me a headache.

3 In America, proper manners **call for keeping** your elbows **off** the table at meal time. In fact, these **strict**⁵ rules even say your left hand should stay on your **lap**⁶ while you eat with your right hand. But travel to **Hungary**⁷ or Austria and you’d better remember to keep both hands on the table to be polite.

4 When you’re in Canada or America, don’t forget to put your **napkin**⁸ on your lap. But if you **happen to** be touring **Romania**⁹, remember to leave your napkin on the table.

5 Growing up, I heard my dad **lecture**¹⁰ me about proper manners time and again. To eat properly, one should sit up straight and carefully bring the fork to

one's mouth.

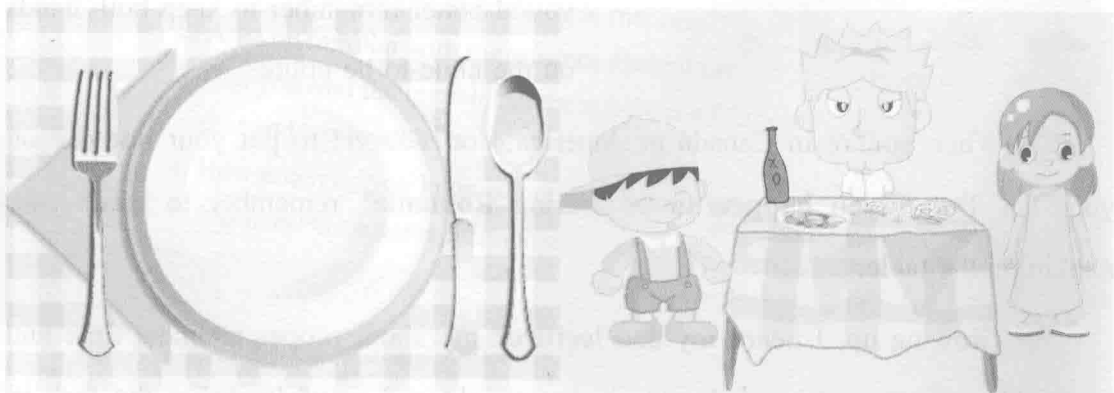
6 When I first moved to Taiwan, those skills were put to the test. Using my dad's method, it takes forever to eat a bowl of rice with chopsticks^①. Then I discovered it was quite all right to pick up my bowl and hold it close to my mouth. **What a relief!**¹¹



7 Knowing how much food to eat can also be **tricky**¹². In Taiwan I quickly learned that if I finished all the food, more would be **served**¹³. It is polite to leave a bit of food on the serving dish. In Finland, however, your host would be troubled if you left any food on your plate.

8 If you're in America and you do want more food, don't reach across the table for it^②. That would be considered **uncivilized**¹⁴. Instead, you need to ask someone to pass you the dish with a "please and thank you".

9 What would you do if you walk into a restaurant and all the tables are full? In Germany or Taiwan, you might **share** a table **with** strangers. In America, however, they **prefer**¹⁵ a more personal space. They may think you are strange if you sit at their table.



10 And after your meal, should you leave a **tip**¹⁶? In some countries, a tip is **included**¹⁷ in the meal price. In America, you need to leave extra money on the table to thank your server for a job well done.

11 Before you travel to a new country, be sure to pick up a good book on culture and customs. Take time to watch how the local people act and **imitate**¹⁸ them. And if you're hosting foreigners, don't leave them guessing the proper way to behave at the table³. Share your customs and traditions with them. (506 words)



New Words

1 rhyme*	/ raɪm /	n.	节奏; 韵律
2 manner	/ 'mænə /	n.	方式; 习惯
3 present	/ pri'zent /	v.	呈现; 显示
4 track [△]	/ træk /	n.	踪迹; 足迹
5 strict	/ strikt /	adj.	严厉的; 严格的
6 lap*	/ læp /	n.	大腿前部
7 Hungary	/ 'hʌŋgəri /	n.	匈牙利(国)
8 napkin*	/ 'næpkin /	n.	餐巾
9 Romania	/ rəu'meɪniə /	n.	罗马尼亚(国)
10 lecture	/ 'lektʃə /	v.	训导; 训斥
11 relief [△]	/ ri'li:f /	n.	减轻; 解除
12 tricky	/ 'tri:ki /	adj.	难处理的; 棘手的
13 serve	/ sɜ:v /	v.	端上; 摆出
14 uncivilized*	/ 'ʌn'sivilaɪzd /	adj.	未开化的; 远离文明的
15 prefer	/ pri'fə: /	v.	更喜欢; 宁愿选择
16 tip	/ tip /	n.	小费
17 include	/ in'klud /	v.	包括
18 imitate [△]	/ 'imitet /	v.	模仿

△表示 A 级词汇,*表示超纲词汇,没有标识表示 B 级词汇

Phrases and Expressions

keep track of	跟上
call for	需要;要求
keep off	避开
happen to	碰巧
What a relief!	真令人舒了口气
share...with	与.....分享


Notes

- ① it takes forever to eat a bowl of rice with chopsticks.
永远是用筷子吃米饭。
- ② don't reach across the table for it. 不要越过桌子去拿。
- ③ don't leave them guessing the proper way to behave at the table.
不要让他们猜测在餐桌上如何举止才算得当。


Exercises

Get the message from the text.

I. Fill in the blanks with appropriate words according to the text and read them until you can say it from memory.

 A In America, proper 1 call for keeping your elbows off the table at meal time. In fact, these 2 rules even say your left hand should stay on your lap while you eat with your right hand. But travel to Hungary or Austria and you'd

better remember to keep both hands on the table to be 3 .

 **B** Before you travel to a new country, be sure to 4 up a good book on culture and customs. Take time to watch how the 5 people act and 6 them. And if you're hosting foreigners, don't leave them guessing the proper way to 7 at the table. 8 your customs and traditions with them.

II. Complete each of the following sentences with the best item.

1. Why did the author's mom teach him the little rhyme?
 - A. To teach him the song.
 - B. To let him learn how to behave at meal time.
 - C. To let him grow up.
 - D. To keep his elbows off the table.
2. In which country you should keep your elbows off the table at meal time?
 - A. Hungary. B. Austria. C. America. D. Romania.
3. In Taiwan, if you take all the food, the host will probably _____.
 - A. give you more B. clean the bowl
 - C. be annoyed D. worry about the dishes
4. In America, if all the tables are full in a restaurant, what will the Americans do?
 - A. They will share a table with others.
 - B. They will ask for an account.
 - C. They will leave.
 - D. They will join them.
5. If you travel to a new country, you'd better _____ at meal time.
 - A. do as the residents do B. do as you did before
 - C. ignore the foreigners D. neglect the culture

Word study

I. Complete the following sentences with the words, phrases or expressions given. Change the form where necessary. Notice that there is one word more than needed.

present	imitate	serve	prefer
uncivilized	tricky	include	proper
straight	discover	trouble	

1. They _____ flowers to their teachers on Teachers' Day, it has been the class custom.
2. You aren't wearing _____ clothes for this hot weather.
3. They are very excited for the scientific _____.
4. I think if you had completed the task on time, you would not have fallen into such legal _____.
5. Could you tell me your _____, the red one or the blue one?
6. A number of funny stories are _____ in his complete works.
7. The fact that parrots can _____ human speech really puzzles me.
8. Go _____ and you will find the post office.
9. She is very hospitable so she wants to _____ the guests a wonderful dinner.
10. He met some _____ problems so that he had to do overwork last night.

II. Choose the right word and put it in the blank. Change the form where necessary.

1. *polite, politely, politeness, impolite*

1) A gentlemen is thought to be _____ all the time on all occasions.

- 2) "Speak _____, rather than so loudly, your guys," said the board director,
"Good reason speaks itself."
- 3) _____ makes a civilized country shine.
- 4) It is _____ to decline help from others without any explanation.

2. *strict, strictly, strictness*

- 1) Be _____ in your job or you'll have to look for another one.
- 2) The orders of the government had been carried out with absolute _____.
- 3) _____ speaking, you're not the candidate we need.
- 4) Chinese culture urges parents to be _____ in children's education.

3. *present, presentation, presence*

- 1) I want to get something as _____ for my girlfriend; It is our first date.
- 2) These famous film stars' _____ greatly brightened up the party.
- 3) Prof. Wang's _____ brought us a lot of fun during this semester.
- 4) As Father's Day is coming, with what would you _____ your father?

III. Fill in the blanks with the words given, change the form where necessary.

1. Much to our _____ (relieve), he got aboard just before the flight took off.
2. I worked as a _____ (lecture) with this foreign funded college.
3. Joy is satisfied with your plan, _____ (include) me.
4. A team of two Chinese and one _____ (Hungary) will be set up to look into the case.
5. The salesgirl _____ (tricky) me into buying the product that is really a trash.



Structure

Complete the following sentences using *when*, *while*, *after* or *before*.

1. _____ (做完作业后), you can go out for a rest.
2. It will be a long time _____ (本地经济才复苏).
3. I will help him with his English lesson _____ (如果明天他来).
4. _____ (当他进来时), I was watching TV.
5. Please send me a message _____ (在你回来之前).
6. Don't read _____ (在吃饭时).



Translation

I. Translate the following sentences into English.

1. 学校的严格制度规定学生在校不能吸烟。(strict, say)
2. 我宁愿唱歌也不愿跳舞。(prefer)
3. 照料小孩时,要注意让他们远离药品。(keep off)
4. 在去国外留学之前,应该注意了解他们的生活习俗。(be sure)
5. 中国台湾和中国内地有许多风俗习惯是一样的。(share)

II. Translate the following sentences into Chinese.

1. Scientists are now trying to discover if this is possible.
2. I will trouble you to take a message to Leon that he should come here before 2:00.
3. It is impolite to imitate others' behaviors.
4. Take time to watch how the local people act and imitate them.
5. Messages and oxygen are sent from the spaceship to the spacemen working outside it by the lines fastened at one end to the spaceship and at the other to the spacemen.

Section B Text B

Culture Shock

1 I am an Englishman living in London. Sometimes I meet people who have **recently**¹ arrived in the UK and ask them how they are feeling. Often they **complain**² about the things they don't like: they might say that it's expensive, the food is bad or the people are unfriendly. A few months later I meet the same people. I expect to hear that they are **looking forward to** taking the first possible flight home. Instead, most of them say they want to stay longer or come back again soon. What has happened? A big part of the reason for this change is an effect called "culture **shock**"³.

2 If you travel abroad for study, you will probably feel good upon arriving. It feels like a holiday: everything is new and interesting, and you can easily **ignore**⁴ the small problems. But after a while you may experience a period of time when you feel a bit **frustrated**⁵. You start to miss things from your country, which made you feel comfortable perhaps, your friends and family, or your **favorite**⁶ foods. Perhaps you find the courses you are taking harder than you



expected, frustrated about your English ability, find it hard to make friends, or get angry about local people's behavior, think the weather is dark and too changeable and that affects your mood as well.

③ You will feel better once you have discovered how to **adapt**⁷ to your new environment. How have British people learnt to accept this? When it is sunny we know it may not last a long time, so we go outside and enjoy it. If it is cold, we **wrap**⁸ ourselves up warmly and look forward to going inside to sit by a fire, and drink a cup of tea. We don't know when it will rain, so we often carry an umbrella. What do British people say if it is raining? Often we are happy—we think it will be good for our gardens!

④ When you have learnt to **adjust**⁹ to local conditions, you may also start to lose some of your early **negative**¹⁰ thoughts. Then you may find it is a good idea to take an adult education course, which gives you an opportunity to **mix with** local people and

