



Table Topic:

What's your favorite restaurant or city for dining? Why so?

Hypothetical Table Topic:

If you were a food, what would you be and why?





go halfers - to split the cost of meal.

Do you mind **going halfers**? I'm a little tight this month.





gratuity/tipping - an extra amount of money that you give to someone such as a driver to thank him or her for a service

Firstly, at fast food restaurants, there is no **tip**. At a mid-level restaurant, 15-20 per cent for the waiter is usual. If you leave two pennies on top of the bill – a code – it means you were very unhappy with service. Generally speaking, pay attention to the waiter's attempts at making **rapport** to calculate your **tip**.

rapport - a good understanding of someone and an ability to communicate well with them

That teacher has great **rapport** with her students.

greeter- a person who greets people at the entrance of a shop, restaurant, casino, etc

The greeter is usually the person at the door who shows you to your table.

host/hostess - the man or woman that oversees all the guests and waiters

Who is that walking around and chatting with all the tables? That's the **hostess**.

waiter/waitress- a man who works in a restaurant, bringing food to customers (this is who you tip)

Where is that waiter? I'm ready to order.



CONVERSATION

Use these questions as a guide for conversation. Splitting into small groups for conversation is advisable. The teacher will inquire to see what the students have learned post-conversation.

Do you like to **go halfers**? Why or why not?

What nationality foods do you like and why?

What's the best/worst meal you've ever had while travelling?

What's tipping culture like in your own country? What has been your experience tipping abroad?

Have you ever worked at a restaurant? What was your position? What was your experience like?

What are some of the best ways to establish rapport with someone?



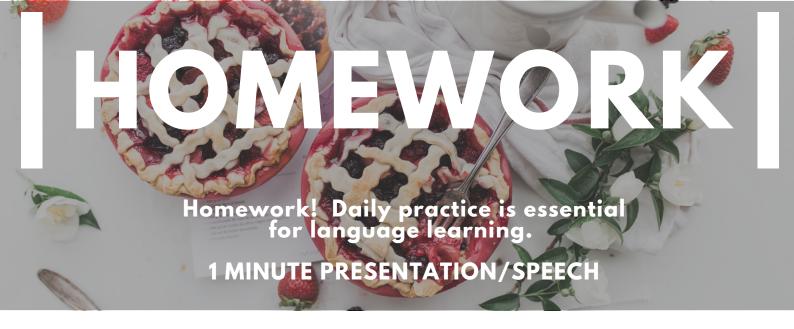


Speed Conversation/Role-play

Example situation: As you order food and dine your waiter is attempting to establish great **rapport** with you. Calculate and pay your pay according to the **rapport** they've established.

Students should sit across from a classmate. The teacher will assign a situation for each group of students to talk over. Students should rotate partners every 2-3 minutes.





Present a local restaurant you are fond of. In your presentation try to cover service, pricing, taste, and ambience. Give a 1 minute speech presenting it (After the student is through, the teacher will quiz the other students about the speech so as to test their listening comprehension).

