



1. carafe [kə'reɪf]
2. candlestick ['kændəlɪstɪk]
3. pepper mill ['pepə mɪl]
4. jug [dʒʌg] UK,
pitcher ['pɪtʃə] N. Am.
5. salad bowl ['sæləd bəʊl]
6. salad server
['sæləd ,sɜ:və]
7. cup and saucer
[,kʌp ənd 'səʊsə]
8. cutlery ['kʌtləri],
flatware ['flætweə] N. Am.
9. table mat ['teɪbəl mæt] UK,
place mat ['pleɪs mæt]
N. Am.
10. serviette [,sɜ:'vi:et] UK,
napkin ['næpkɪn]
11. napkin ring ['næpkɪn rɪŋ]
12. lid [lɪd]
13. tureen [tju:'ri:n]
14. ladle ['leɪdə]
15. table runner ['teɪbəl ,rʌnə]
16. serving dish ['sɜ:vɪŋ dɪʃ]
17. serving spoon
['sɜ:vɪŋ spu:n]
18. tablecloth ['teɪbəlklɒθ]
19. carving knife
['kɑ:vɪŋ naɪf]
20. dinner plate ['dɪnə pleɪt]
21. bread basket
['bred ,bɑ:skɪt]
22. salt cellar ['sɔ:lt ,selə] UK,
salt shaker ['sɔ:lt ,ʃeɪkə]
N. Am.
23. pepper pot ['pepə pɒt] UK,
pepper shaker
['pepə ,ʃeɪkə] N. Am.
24. gravy boat ['greɪvi bəʊt]

VOCABULARY

On the table

It's Valentine's Day this month, so why not invite your loved one to a candlelit dinner for two? ANNA HOCHSIEDER presents language to talk about what's on the table.

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A festive dinner

It was a Valentine's Day that Lucy would never forget. Phil, her boyfriend, had **invited her for a meal** in his flat. Knowing Phil, she expected a Chinese **takeaway** to be eaten with plastic **chopsticks**, and shop-bought ice cream **for dessert**. Instead, she was greeted by **mouth-watering smells** coming from the kitchen. The **dining table** was **set** with **white linen** and **porcelain crockery**. The **cutlery** and **glassware** reflected the light of two **candles** in silver **candlesticks**. **Knives, forks** and **spoons** were arranged in the correct order. A **wine cooler** holding a **bottle of champagne** stood on the **sideboard**.

Phil **pulled out a chair** for Lucy and sat down opposite her. Then a man carrying a **tray** appeared from the kitchen and **served** them **appetizers**. Four more **courses** followed. The **meal was rounded off** by a **delicious** chocolate mousse.

When the **hired chef** had **poured** the coffee and retired to the kitchen, Phil pulled something from his pocket and took hold of Lucy's hand. Can you guess what happened next?

PRACTICE

Now try the following exercises to practise talking about what's on the table.



Exercise 1

E

Odd one out: cross out one word in each line that does not belong in the same category as the other words.

- A. cutlery: dessert spoon | fish knife | ladle | lid
- B. crockery: candlestick | saucer | soup plate | tureen
- C. glassware: carafe | champagne glass | chopsticks | wine glass
- D. table linen: napkin | tablecloth | table runner | wine cooler
- E. furniture: chair | dining table | sideboard | tray

Exercise 3

A

Write the missing letters to complete the six words in the sentences below. All the words begin with a "c".

- A. I can't cook, so I always hire a c..... when I invite people for a meal.
- B. He poured her some wine from the c....., which stood on the sideboard.
- C. Chinese food should be eaten with c....., not with a knife and fork.
- D. The main c..... was fish, followed by lemon cake.
- E. The salt c..... is empty. Can you refill it, please?
- F. All the c..... can go in the dishwasher — except for the steak knives.

Exercise 2

M

Underline the correct option in each sentence below.

- A. Let's invite Aunt Sally **at** / **for** dinner next Sunday.
- B. Can you help me **arrange** / **set** the table, please?
- C. Shall I **pour** / **serve** the soup?
- D. The lamb is **delicate** / **delicious**. My compliments to the chef.
- E. There's ice cream **for** / **to** dessert — home-made, not shop-bought.
- F. Would you like some cheese to round **off** / **up** the meal?

Dish

The word **dish** has a number of meanings. Here are some of them.

A dish is a flat, open container in which to cook or serve food:

- Who broke my lovely blue porcelain dish?

A dish is also food prepared in a particular way and served as part of a meal:

- Do you have any vegetarian dishes?

The dishes (plural) are all the plates, bowls, glasses, etc. that have been used for a meal and that need to be washed up afterwards:

- Let me help you wash the dishes.

If you **dish something up** or **out**, you put food into dishes or on to plates so that it can be eaten:

- Can you dish out the vegetables, please?



pour [pɔ:]
 ► einschenken

Answers

1. A. lid
 B. candlestick
 C. chopsticks
 D. wine cooler
 E. tray
2. A. for
 B. set
 C. serve
 D. delicious
 E. for
 F. off
3. A. chef
 B. carafe
 C. chopsticks
 D. course
 E. cellar
 F. cutlery