Lesson 12: Ordering Food

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Warm-up questions:

How often do you eat at a restaurant? What are some hot dining spots in your neighborhood? What kind of food do you like to eat at a restaurant?

Vocabulary/Expressions:

Eating out Take out Beverage Doggie bag
Waitress Appetizer Dessert Refill
All you can eat Cafeteria Seconds Belching

Patterns:

Could I get (something)? Could I get a cup of coffee? Could you (do) something? Could you refill my drink?

I want/would like to eat (something). I want/would like to eat fried chicken.

Role-play: You are at a restaurant. Look at the menu and make an order.

Joe's Restaurant

Starters	
Chicken Soup	\$2.50
Salad	\$3.25
Sandwiches - Main Course	
Ham and cheese	\$3.50
Tuna	\$3.00
Vegetarian	\$4.00
Grilled Cheese	\$2.50
Slice of Pizza	\$2.50
Cheeseburger	\$4.50
Hamburger	\$5.00
Spaghetti	\$5.50
Drinks	
Coffee	\$1.25
Tea	\$1.25
Soft Drinks - Coke, Sprite, Root Beer, Ice Tea	\$1.75

Example:

Waiter: What would you like to order?

Customer: Could I get a cup of water?

Waiter: Ok, and would you like any

starters?

Customer: No thank you. I just want a

cheeseburger.

Waiter: Great, is there anything else I can

get for you?

Customer: No that would be all.

Waiter: Ok, I'll be back with your order

when it's ready.

Table Manners

01 | Refills and Seconds ...

In the Philippines and Chile, grabbing second servings on your own is not polite. You are expected to wait until the host offers you more or encourages everyone to take seconds. In China, refilling your own glass of water is also frowned upon; instead, you are supposed to fill the host's or other guests' glasses, and they will reciprocate.

02 | Clearing Your Plate

Finishing everything on your plate is considered rude in some countries, including Russia and China. Leaving some food means that your host has provided enough food, and it is an acknowledgement of your host's generosity. However, in countries like India and the Philippines, not clearing your plate is considered rude and wasteful.

03 | Belching

In China, Taiwan, and among Inuit groups in Canada, light burping is considered a compliment to the chef or host. It is the sign that you have eaten well. Conversely, in Chile and many other countries around the world, you're expected to eat quietly and neatly; belching, slurping, and other such noises are frowned upon.

Discussion:

What do you think of the three table manners from above?

Do you know other table manners around the world?

If a foreigner was visiting Korea, what table manners should they know? With your partner make a list of Korean table manners.

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