

ACTIVITY PAGE

Table Manners

There are 9 actions in this picture. Look at it and find as many examples as you can of actions which you think would be considered bad manners at a table. Make a list of them and then look up the answers below.



Questions about the picture

- 1 How many people are sitting at the table?
- 2 What mistake has A made?
- 3 Where should he have put his napkin, do you think?
- 4 What mistake is I making?
- 5 What should he have done?
- 6 Has F finished eating?
- 7 How do you know?
- 8 What is F doing now?
- 9 Should she be doing this? Why not?
- 10 Who's using his fingers?
- 11 What mistake is the lady D sitting next to him making?
- 12 What mistake is E making?

(Check your answers)

Did you find all nine examples of bad manners in the picture?

Which one(s) didn't you find?

Do you watch your table manners when you go out to dinner with your parents?

Do you watch your table manners in the same way at home?

Do you think good table manners are important?

Answers: TABLE MANNERS

(A) He has tucked his napkin into his collar (he should have put it on his lap), (B) She is talking with her mouth full, (C) He is using his fingers, (D) She is gobbling (she should have put a smaller quantity into her mouth), (E) He is putting his knife into his mouth, (F) She is smoking before the meal has ended (the position of her knife and fork shows that she hasn't finished eating), (G) He is using a toothpick without covering his mouth (generally in England toothpicks are not provided at table), (H) She is picking her teeth with her finger, (I) He is reaching across the table.