

# Good Manners for a Special Meal



Sometimes, my family might invite a lot of people over for a special meal.

Or, I might go with my family to eat a special meal at someone's house.

A special meal might happen during a holiday celebration.



There might be a LOT of food at this special meal.

There might be a lot of people at this special meal.

People work very hard to make this special meal.

Here are some good manners that I should try to use when I am eating a special meal:



I should try to wait until everyone is sitting down at the table before I start eating.



I should only eat the food on my plate. The food in the middle of the table is for everyone.

If I do not like a kind of food that is served, I can keep that idea in my head. I do not need to say it out loud. I do not have to put it on my plate and I do not have to eat it.



If someone asks me to pass food to them, I should stop what I am doing and pass the food.

If I want someone to pass the food, I should say their name and then say "Can you please pass the \_\_\_\_?"



If it is getting too loud  
at the table and I need  
a break, I can say “ex-  
cuse me” and go take a  
break in a quiet place.



Before I leave the  
table, I should say  
“thank you” to the  
people who cooked  
the food.

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