

《ABC基础英语对话：餐厅礼仪》

Alex : Why are you smiling so much Betty?

Betty: Well, the sun is shining, the birds singing and I just got 100% on my English test!

Alex : Congratulations! How will you celebrate?

Betty: Hmmm. I don't really know. Any suggestions?

Alex : How about we all go to a bar and drink Martini?

Betty: That sounds very cool and groovy.

Alex : OK then. I know a new hang-out that has just opened.

Betty: I'm following you!

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NEW WORDS????

1) Chatting: relaxed talking

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I love to spend my time chatting with friends while we drink coffee.

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2) ICQ: "I Seek You". A small computer program that lets you chat with friends around the world.

ICQ?"I Seek You????"????????????????????????????

I use ICQ every day to meet new friends and discuss our strategies to win at Zhanshen.

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3) Heaps: slang word meaning a lot

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My boyfriend loves me heaps - he always brings me expensive gifts.

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4) Weirdo: a very unusual or weird person, sometimes weirdos can be unsafe to meet

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My neighbor is a real weirdo. He always wears strange clothes and talks to himself!

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5) Break up: when a couple decide to separate

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I cried all night when I broke up with my girlfriend.

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6) Soothe: relax and calm

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Every week I go for a massage to soothe my nerves.

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Dialogue????

Past Tense Dialogue?????

Andrew: Hi! Colin! How have you been these days?

Colin : Really well, thanks Andrew. And you?

Andrew: Not so good! My girlfriend and I broke up again.

Colin : Again! You guys have broken up so many times and then get back together.

Andrew: You're right. I can't seem to control my temper well.

Colin : You should listen to more music. Music can soothe the savage beast.

Andrew: What type of music is best for me?

Colin : Let me introduce you to a famous song in English. It's all about girlfriends.

Andrew: If I listen carefully, maybe I can learn something?

Colin : Maybe you should get your girlfriend to learn the words and sing it to you!

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NEW WORDS????

1) Fantastic: very good, great
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Zhanshan is such a fantastic game that I dream about it at night.
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2) Diet: period of time where you try to eat less food
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Supermodels look so thin because they are always on a diet.
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3) Figure: the shape of a person
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If I ate better food and lifted weights, I might have a better figure.
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4) Dutch: divide the bill by the number of people that eat Everyone pays their share.
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When all of my friends go out for a hotpot dinner, we go dutch so that it's fairer.
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5) Toast: raising your glasses and touching them together before drinking
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At my wedding I had to drink so many toasts that I got a little drunk.
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6) Tip: a small amount of money given to a driver or waiter if they give good service
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The taxi driver who took me to the restaurant was very nice so I gave him a small tip.

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Lesson: ??

Eating in Western restaurants is a little different from eating in a Chinese restaurant. It is important to understand the differences and follow them. When in Rome, do as the Romans do and take the chance to practice your English skills.

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When you first arrive at the restaurant, you should wait for one of the staff to show you to a table. Sometimes it is OK to find a table for yourself but you should ask first.

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In a western restaurant, each person generally orders their own food or dishes and eats what they order. Western people don't put all of the food in the middle of the table and share.

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One of the biggest differences between Chinese restaurants and western restaurants is the noise. Most western restaurants are quiet and people speak in quiet voices. Avoid shouting especially to the staff. If you do this, people may think that you are a rude dude.

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If you need service, you should try to attract the staff's attention with your eyes not your voice. It's best not to raise your hand and wave at them either.

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Both Chinese and Western people love to drink with their food especially wine or beer. The difference is that usually there will only be one or two toasts during the meal. It is not necessary to toast each time you pick up your glass.

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When the bill at the end of the meal comes most people like to divide the bill equally by the number of people eating. This is called 'going dutch'. If the service and food have been good, you should leave a tip. Usually 10% of the bill is a good tip.

