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hen guests come to an American house, there are a few differences between what Americans normally do, and what people in Japan do. However, there are many more similarities than differences. Just like the Japanese, American guests normally bring some kind of food item or drink, typically wine or beer, when the are invited to a party. Just like in Japan, American hosts genuinely try to be as hospitable as possible, and generosity is a highly valued personal trait. However, one difference is at American parties, guests are not normally expected to pay for anything, whereas in Japan, at the end of a party the host calculates the total expense of the party and then asks each guest to pay for their share.

Also when guests are taken to a nice restaurant in America, the person who did the inviting may want to pay for everything, just like in Japan. In Japan, the host may try to sneak off to "use the restroom", but will actually try to pay the bill without the other guests noticing. However, in America a different tradition occurs. Typically, the invited people will try to pay the bill or for their share, but the host will refuse their money. A common phrase, the host may say is, "Your money is no good here." While this may sound a little rude, it is in fact a slightly sarcastic but friendly way of saying, "This is my treat. You don't need to pay."

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So, the next time you are invited to a party in America, act the way you normally do in Japan, and you probably won't have any problems. Just know that when someone says, "your money is no good here," they probably like you.



読み解きのヒント

similarities 類似点	noticing	気付く
hospitable 手厚くもてなす	refuse	断る
generosity 寛大さ	rude	失礼な
share 分け合う	sarcastic	皮肉な
sneak off ひそかに立ち去る	treat	おごり

Entertaining Guests in America

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Table Manner

もしもに備えて食事の際のちょっとしたマナーをチェックしてみましょう

~ちょっと気になる食事のマナー~



食事中に「塩を取ってください」と尋ねられた時、塩と胡椒両方とも渡すのが基本? ⇒ まず塩を渡し、申し出があってから胡椒を渡すとよいでしょう

Q2

<u>立派なレストランで食事をする際、それぞれが個別に料理を注文するか、</u> 皆で注文し料理を分け合うか、どちらが適切?

⇒ 前菜・メインディッシュ等、料理を皆でバランスよく注文し、分け合うと よいでしょう。

Q3

料理を勧める際にどの方向からすすめればよい?→ 右側から、もしくは反時計回りに料理の皿をすすめましょう。



海外でも人気の寿司、英語でなんと言うのでしょう?

こか あ わ ほ は う 穴 納 すずきば だ お び び て ち

sea eel abalone fermented soy beans scallop gizzard shad mackerel young yellowtail horseradish bonito fish sea bass sea urchin roe



Q1 お薦めホームページ

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« Answerkey»

さば: mackerel すずき: sea bass

納豆:fermented soy beans

穴子:sea eel うに:sea urchin roe はまち:young yellowtail ほたて:scallop

わさび:horseradish あわび:abalone かつお:bonito fish こはだ:gizzard shad



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Food Vocab.