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Vocational Read Aloud: Coworkers go to Dinner

Jennifer is a receptionist at a doctors office. She works with seven other busy receptionists. Jennifer feels that her coworkers are her friends. During her break Jennifer walks into the lunch room and finds her coworker Ben passing around pictures from a dinner at his house the night before. Jennifer notices that all of her coworkers are in the photos except for her. Ben tells Jennifer that he had a small dinner party and did not invite her because he thought she would be too busy to attend. Jennifer's feelings are hurt. She would have loved to spend time with her coworkers outside of work. Ben feels awkward.

Discussion Questions: Coworkers go to Dinner

1. How do Jennifer and Ben know each other?
2. What is the conflict?
3. How might this affect Jennifer and Ben's relationship at work?
4. How do you think Jennifer and Ben's coworkers who are in the lunchroom are feeling?

Student Think Sheet: Coworkers go to Dinner

I hear Jennifer and Ben have a conflict about:

I think:

I wonder:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Problem Solving: Coworkers go to Dinner

1. Who is the conflict between?

3. Who do you think is at fault and why?

2. What is the conflict?

4. How do you think they should resolve the conflict?

Dining Etiquette

*It is important to make a good impression at mealtime.
Etiquette is defined as the rules for socially acceptable behavior.*

Is it good manners to read the newspaper at the table?

1. ___ Only if you are willing to share
2. ___ No, reading at the dinner table is a social no, no
3. ___ Yes, as long as you keep it neatly folded

At dinner, when should you start eating?

1. ___ When everyone has been served their food
2. ___ When the host or parent starts eating
3. ___ As soon as you are served your food

When is it ok to put your elbows on the table?

1. ___ After everyone has finished eating
2. ___ While you are eating
3. ___ Never

During a meal you need to use the bathroom, what should you do?

1. ___ Announce your going to the bathroom
2. ___ Say "excuse me, I will be right back"
3. ___ Say nothing, just leave
4. ___ Sit quietly and hold it until the meal is over

When you are not eating, where should you keep your hands?

1. ___ In your pocket
2. ___ Keep them busy, drum up a little tune with your fingers
3. ___ In your lap, or resting on the table

At the table, DO___

- Say please
- Wait your turn
- Put your napkin in your lap
- Clean up your mess
- Say "thank you"

At the table, DONT___

- Blow your nose
- Pass gas
- Burp loudly
- Say "yuck"
- Interrupt



Do not bring electronic devices to the meal table.

Use this time to visit and connect with friends and family

What would you do if...?

You work hard as a paramedic. You review your weekly paycheck. You received a \$150 salary overpayment.

What would you do if...?

The cable company that you work for provides a truck for business purposes. The air conditioning in your personal vehicle has quit. You need to take care of some errands after work.

What would you do if...?

You receive a great job offer from a major video game maker. The company wants you to start work in three days. You are working on an important project for your current employer.

What would you do if...?

It is approaching the end of the year. You work for an electronics store that is extremely busy and understaffed during the upcoming holiday season. You have several vacation days remaining.

What would you do if...?

Your company bans the use of personal electronic devices during work hours. Your grandmother is ill and you want to be informed of her condition during the day.

What would you do if...?

The restaurant that employs you scheduled you to work on a holiday. You would like to spend the holiday with your family. You have two remaining sick days.