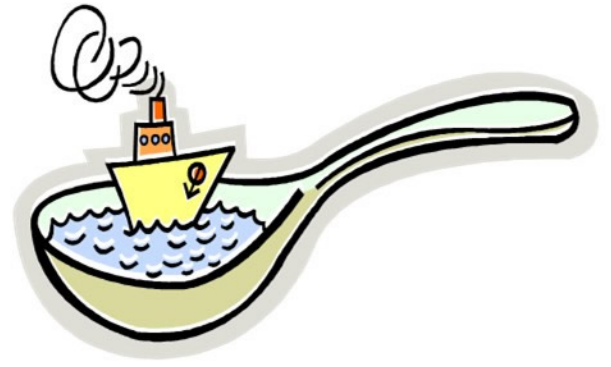


Soup's On!



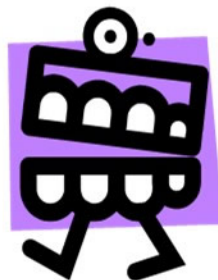
“As the ship goes out to sea, I move my spoon away from me”. This saying will help you remember that you should dip soup away from yourself, while gently scraping the spoon against the edge of the bowl to catch any drips.

Here are some additional tips for eating soup:

- The soup spoon will be on the far right of the place setting. Don't confuse this with a teaspoon which will be just to the right of the knife and to the left of the soup spoon, or with a desert spoon which may be above the plate.
- A soup spoon will have either a large oval or slightly scooped, rounded bowl area.

Don't Pick Your Teeth To Twirl or Not? in Public! It's Gross!

Public picking of pretty much anything one can mention from any part of the human body is unacceptable, and picking teeth is actually beyond rudeness; it crosses over into the 'crude' category, which is actually worse than RUDE.



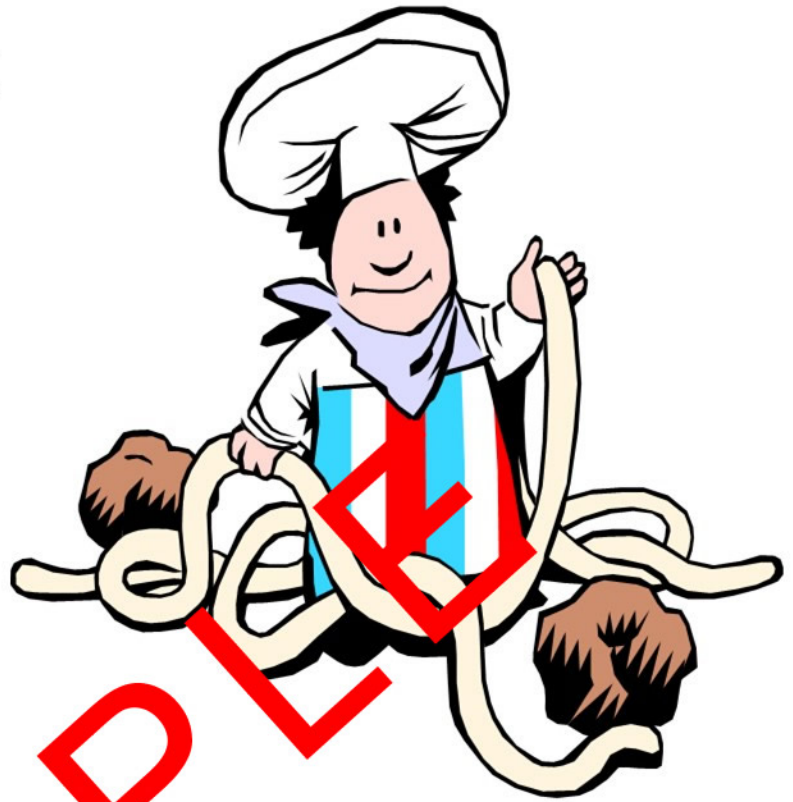
Crude behavior:

- Coughing openly
- Talking with food in your mouth
- Telling offensive jokes
- Talking or laughing loudly in restaurants

Some people twirl pasta with a fork inside of a spoon. While this is correct, a more “polished” way to eat it would be just to twirl a small amount with your fork,



When you meet someone new, give them a handshake— not a WET



- Handshakes should be firm, not like a “wet noodle”. However, they should not be “bone crunching” either.
- Males and females shake hands the same way and generally it doesn’t matter who extends his/her arm first. At very formal events, rules do apply such as women and dignitaries should extend first.
- The whole hand should be used, not just the fingers. Weak shakes and finger-only shakes indicate that you don’t really want to touch the other person.
- Handshakes should last briefly and you should not pump someone’s arm up and down as if you were changing a tire.
- It doesn’t matter which person releases the handshake first; you should wait, however, until the other person has said a greeting.
- Extending the right arm, vertically, with the thumb pointing upward and fingers together makes a proper handshake. The web between your thumb and index finger should meet the web of the other person’s hand.
- You should stand when you meet someone for the first time and when you greet someone if that person is standing already. Males and females both should stand unless she is seated at a table. The exception to this is: If the newcomer is older or more distinguished, she should always stand. Males should always stand.
- Eye contact and smiling are absolutely essential partners to a proper