



## A Dinner Invitation (Adv.)

### About this lesson

In this lesson you will learn:

- How to accept an invitation to a dinner
- How to compliment your host's home
- How to offer help preparing the meal
- How to discuss dietary restrictions in a polite manner

You will also learn about the culture of dinner parties in the US, including common foods and drinks, appropriate gifts to bring the host, appropriate table manners, and the saying of Grace.

### A beautiful home

Thank you so much for **inviting me over** for dinner!

خیلی ممنونم که منو به شام دعوت کردید .

I love your **antique** furniture, it's **just gorgeous!**

عاشق وسایل عتیقه شما م، واقعاً با جلوه است .

Dinner should be ready in half an hour, so just **make yourself at home**.

شام تا نیم ساعت دیگه حاضر می شه، راحت باشید، خونه خودتونه .

You have a **truly beautiful** home.

واقعاً خونه قشنگی دارید .

### What to bring to a dinner party

As in many world cultures, it's polite in the United States to bring a gift to your host when accepting a dinner invitation. Unlike in some cultures, it's not a social requirement, and you won't offend your host if you arrive empty-handed. However it's a common practice that shows your graciousness and appreciation for the invitation.

A bottle of nice wine is the most common gift to bring to a dinner, followed by fresh flowers. Sometimes people bring accompanying dishes such as a salad or dessert. This is generally acceptable, but not as commonly done, as it could interfere with the host's planned menu, or even be taken as a slight against the hosts' abilities and level of preparation.

### How can I help?

**Is there anything I can do** to help get dinner ready?

برای حاضر شدن شام هیچ کاری هست که من بتوانم کمک کنم؟

I'm happy to help any way I can!

از هر نظری که بتوانم کمک کنم، خوشحال میشم!

I could use some help chopping onions if you don't mind.

اگه براتون اشکالی ندارد می تونید در خرد کردن پیاز به من کمک کنید.

And I'd love to get your help making the salad.

خوشحال میشم اگه در درست کردن سالاد بهم کمک کنی.

## Just about ready

Everyone have a seat, dinner's just about ready.

همه بفرمائید بشینید، شام تقریباً آماده است.

Who wants to say grace?

کی می خواد دعا بخونه؟

"Grace" refers to the prayer that many American families say before they eat. Usually, everyone at the table holds hands and bows their head, then one person (usually the father or head of the household) says a prayer aloud, thanking God for the food and company. As a guest, you won't be expected to lead the prayer, but you should be ready to clasp hands with your neighbors and bow your head, to show respect.

Everyone dig in while it's still hot!

همه مشغول بشین تا هنوز گرمه!

## Pass the butter

Could someone please pass me the butter?

می شه لطفاً به نفر کره رو به من بده؟

If anyone needs more wine let me know, I'll be glad to pour you some!

اگه کسی شراب بیشتر میخواد، تعارف نکنه، خوشحال میشم براتون بریزم.

Would you like a glass of wine with your meal?

با غذاتون یک گیلای شراب میل دارید؟

Actually I don't drink, but thank you, that's very generous.

راستش مشروبات الکلی نمی نوشم، ولی مرسی، خیلی دست و دل بازید.

## I'm a vegetarian

You should really try the steak, it's so tender, it's delicious!

حتماً بایستی گوشت گاو بریان شده رو امتحان کنی، خیلی نرم و لذیذه!

Thank you, it looks wonderful!

مرسی، به نظر خیلی عالیه!

I definitely would, except that I'm a **vegetarian**.

حتماً امتحان می کردم ولی من گیاه خوارم .

## Our pleasure

There's plenty of **green beans** left, **can I serve you some?**

یه عالمه لوبیا سبز مونده، میتونم کمی براتون بکشم؟

Thank you, but I'm pretty **stuffed**.

مرسی، ولی واقعاً سیر شدم .

**\*Usage alert!\***: Note that "to be stuffed" has a very different meaning in American English than in British English. In America it's simply a colloquial way to say that you've had plenty to eat. The British meaning is vulgar, so be aware of that if travelling to the UK.

Everything tasted delicious, thank you so much **for having me!**

همه چیز واقعاً خوشمزه بود، متشکرم که منو دعوت کردید !

Sure, it was **our pleasure**.

خواهش می کنم خوشحالمان کردید .

**Don't you touch** the dishes, we'll **take care of** those later.

به ظرفا دست نزنن ها، بعداً به اونا می رسیم .

For now let's just **relax** and **enjoy each other's company!**

فعلاً فقط از معاشرت هم لذت ببریم و استراحت کنیم !