

Mutual Project

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During the German-African Youth Initiative (2016-2018), a project about appropriate table manners was developed with the aim to educate the young generation about traditional and formal eating manners in different cultures. Eating together plays a major role within everyday life and knowledge about the behaviour code of another culture enhances intercultural competence and enables global citizenship.



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How to be polite

Masubia and German Table Manners



TARGET 4.7



EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP

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Namibia, Masubia culture: Eating politely

- ❖ A set of steps is to be followed
- ❖ Respect is given to the elderly people



Step 2

Elders start washing their hands, then pass the water to the younger ones.



Step 3

Before starting to eat, clap your hands to show respect and give thanks for the food.



Step 4

First, elders get the biggest parts of the meat.



Step 5

The food is eaten with hands.



Step 6

After eating, wash your hands again and clap them as a sign of thankfulness.



Germany: Eating politely

- ❖ A set of rules is to be followed (cf. "Knigge" = German behaviour codex)
- ❖ Only few basic rules were chosen for the project

Rule 1

Before eating, cutlery is placed like this:



Rule 2

Wait until everyone is served, then start eating only after everyone has said "Guten Appetit!".

Rule 3

Don't put your elbows on the table.

Rule 4

Try not to make noise. Avoid speaking with food in your mouth.

Cutlery meaning "I'm still hungry."



Rule 5

The way you put your cutlery on the table indicates whether you are still hungry, or full.

Cutlery meaning "I'm full."

