

## TABLE SERVICE HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT

**Directions:** Use two types of table service, each at a different family meal. You are encouraged to try two types that your family does not normally use. *Have a parent comment as to which two you tried.*  
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### SIX MAIN STYLES OF TABLE SERVICE ARE:

1. Family Service—Food is put in serving dishes, brought to the table, and passed around in clockwise order to avoid confusion.
2. Plate Service—No serving dishes are brought to the table because food is portioned out on individual plates in the kitchen. It will go faster if several people help.
3. Modified English Service—All plates are stacked at one end. The host/hostess carves meat and places it with vegetables on plates. Each plate is passed all the way to the end down the right side; then plates are passed in the same fashion down the left side. Other foods are passed around and people serve themselves.
4. Formal Service—This service requires hired help. Initially, the table is set with flatware, glassware, and a service plate (a large plate that will never have food placed on it). This service includes a number of courses, each served separately on clean dinnerware, and then cleared away so the next course can be served. The first course, an appetizer or soup, is placed in its dish and put on top of the service plate.
5. Compromise Service—Combines formal and modified English styles. The appetizer is served in individual portions from the kitchen as in formal style. The main course is served as in modified English. Salad/dessert are served in individual portions and all other food is passed around the table.
6. Buffet Service—The food is set on a large table, kitchen counter, or two card tables pushed together. Place plates at one end, food in the middle, and napkins/flatware last. The flatware may be rolled in the napkin for easy pickup. Arrange the food so that traffic flows easily.

**Student's name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Period** \_\_\_\_\_ **Assign #** \_\_\_\_\_

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PARENT COMMENTS:

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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