

# 1. Diner

**Description of Sounds:** quiet conversation, plates and silverware rattling, eggs and bacon sizzling, bell dinging (“Order Up”), water being poured over ice cubes, cash register sound

## Prop Suggestions

- table setting (plate, glass, cup and saucer, soup bowl, silverware)
- placemat, tablecloth, menus
- photo of vintage cash register
- apron, hair net
- waiter’s pad
- flower centerpiece
- photo of 1950s diner

**Tastes and smells:** French fries, coffee, ice water, pie

## Discussion Questions

1. Do you like to eat out? Which restaurants are your favorites?
2. Do you like to eat at fast food places? Why or why not? Which ones do you like?
3. What does it take to be a good waiter or waitress?
4. Did you ever work as a waiter or waitress? Tell us about the job.
5. Did you have to wear a uniform? What did it look like?
6. Did you ever work as a grill cook? What did you like or dislike about your job?
7. Who taught you to cook? Which food dishes do you most like to make?
8. Which foods do you consider part of classic American fare?
9. Which meal of the day do you most like to eat out? Do you like places that serve all-day breakfast?
10. When you go to a restaurant, do you prefer to sit at a table or in a booth? Did you ever try counter service?
11. What kind of music do you like to hear while dining?
12. Did you ever put money in a jukebox? Which songs did you like to play?
13. Did you ever “hang out” with your friends in a restaurant or other eatery? What was your favorite spot?
14. How do you decide how much tip to leave with someone who waited on you?
15. Is a restaurant a good place to propose to someone? Why or why not?
16. Do you prefer to eat at a buffet or from a menu?
17. Which food items do you always look for on a menu?
18. What beverages do you prefer when you eat out?
19. When you go to a fancy restaurant with multiple pieces of silverware, how do you know what to do with each piece?
20. Do you prefer restaurant food or home-cooked meals? Who was the best cook in your family?

## Songs for Singing or Listening

“Animal Crackers in My Soup”

“Let’s Have Another Cup of Coffee”

“Yes! We Have No Bananas”

“Rum and Coca-Cola”

“I Love Coffee, I Love Tea”

“You’re the Cream in My Coffee”