



## **Business Dinners Part One**

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### **Cast:**

**John Hopkins- Area Manager**

**Peter Reed- Manager**

**William Spencer-Vice president of business planning and strategy.**

**Hostess**

**Waitress**

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**Peter:** Hi John, how are you?

**John:** Fine, and you? How are you settling in?

**Peter:** Alright, I think.

**John:** Good, listen. Mr. Spencer the vice president of business planning and corporate strategy, he's our boss, wants to meet you. Are you okay for lunch at twelve?

**Peter:** Do you mean today?

**John:** Yes, that's right in fifteen minutes.

**Peter:** Sure, no problem. It's very nice of him.

**John:** Good, we'll meet downstairs at twelve in the main hall. We're going to Nicola's it's a Little Italian restaurant round / around the block.

**Peter:** See you there!

**Narrator:** The three men arrive at the Italian restaurant in the main hall.

**John:** Bill, this is Peter Reed erm, Peter (pause) this is Mr. Spencer.

**Peter:** Hello Mr. Spencer, nice to meet you.

**Bill:** Hello Peter, nice to meet you.

**John:** Shall we go? I've booked our table for twelve fifteen.

**Hostess:** Good afternoon gentlemen, do you have a reservation?

**John:** Yes, it's in the name of John Hopkins.

**Hostess:** Hopkins (Pause) Oh yes, lovely, please follow me, I have a table ready for you.

**Peter:** Thank you very much.

**Hostess:** Right, here's the menu and here's the wine list erm, would you like something to drink to start off?

**Bill:** I'll have a beer please.

**Hostess:** A beer ...

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**John:** Peter?

**Peter:** I'll have a beer too, thank you.

**Hostess:** Two beers...

**John:** Erm, I'm just drinking still water (pause) After the hard afternoon I had.

**Hostess:** Two beers and a water, right thank you.

**Narrator:** The waitress brings the drinks then the Hostess approaches the gentlemen and asks them if everything is alright. They reply 'yes thank you'.

**Waitress:** Would you like anything for dessert?

**Bill:** Erm, not for me, I'll have some coffee with cream please.

**Peter:** I'll have an Espresso.

**John:** I'm alright thank you.

**Bill:** Can we have the bill please?

**Waitress:** Certainly.

**Bill:** Do you accept American Express?

**Waitress:** Yes sir we do.

**Narrator:** They pay the bill.

**John:** Thank you very much indeed.

**Waitress:** Thank you, we hope to see you again soon.

**Bill:** Bye bye.

**Waitress:** Bye bye, bye bye, thank you very much.

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KEY QUESTIONS	PREGUNTAS CLAVES
How are you?	¿Cómo estás?
How are you settling in?	¿Cómo te encuentras en tu nuevo trabajo?
Are you ok for lunch at twelve?	¿Te va bien ir a comer a las doce?
Do you mean today?	¿Hoy, quieres decir?
Shall we go?	¿Vamos?
Do you have a reservation?	¿Has reservado?
Would you like something to drink to start off?	¿Os gustaría tomar algo para empezar?
Is everything alright gentlemen?	¿Va todo bien?
Would you like anything for dessert?	¿Os gustaría algo de postre?
Can we have the bill please?	¿Nos puedes traer la cuenta, por favor?
Do you accept American express?	¿Aceptan American Express?

KEY VOCABULARY	VOCABULARIO CLAVE
Alright I think	Creo que bien
The vice president of business planning and corporate strategy	Vicepresidente de planificación de negocios y estrategias corporativas
It's very nice of him	Es muy amable de parte de él
We'll meet downstairs	Quedaremos abajo
The main hall	Entrada principal
Round/around the block	Está a la vuelta de la esquina
Nice to meet you	Encantado de conocerte
Book a table	Reservar una mesa
In the name of...	En nombre de...
Please follow me, I have a table ready	Por favor, sígame, tengo una mesa preparada
The menu/wine list	La carta / carta de vinos
I'll have a beer(too)	Yo tomaré una cerveza (también)
Still water	Agua sin gas
Approach	Acercarse
Reply	Contestar
Coffee with cream	Café con nata o suizo
I'm alright thank you	Estoy bien, gracias
Pay the bill	Pagar la cuenta
Thank you very much indeed	Muchísimas gracias
We hope to see you again soon	Esperamos veros pronto

BUSINESS DINING ETIQUETTE	CONSEJOS DE COMPORTAMIENTO
Drink in moderation or not at all	Beber con moderación o no beber nada
Never talk with food in your mouth	Nunca hables con la boca llena
Remember business dinners are great for building relationships so don't talk business too early	Recuerda que las comidas de negocios son buenas para relacionarse, pero no debes empezar a mencionar los negocios demasiado pronto
Always thank your Host/Hostess	Siempre da las gracias a tu anfitrión
Be well mannered	Ser educado

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