

Do you know how to lay the table?

Before dinner Mary always lays the table. She puts a table cloth on the table. After that she takes the plates out of the cupboard.

Four people will eat dinner. She takes four soup-plates and four dinner-plates, four spoons, four forks and four knives. We eat soup with a spoon. We eat fish and potatoes with a fork. We cut meat with a knife. Therefore she puts a knife, a fork and a spoon near each plate.

Is the table ready now? No, not yet. She must put a bread-plate, a butter-dish, a sugar-bowl and a salt-cellar on the table. Sometimes she puts a mustard-pot and a pepper-box too. After dinner everybody will drink tea. She puts the cups on the saucers and the tea-spoons near the cups. Now the table is ready.