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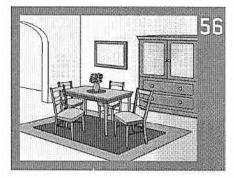
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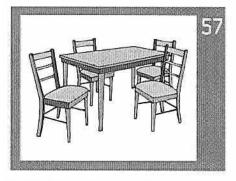
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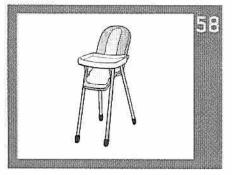
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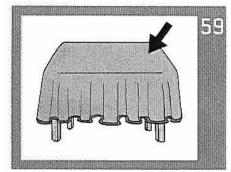
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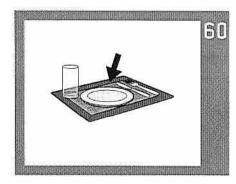
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dining room

- DEFINITION A dining room is a room in a house where people eat meals. A dining room usually has a dining table. Some people only use their dining room for special meals.
- SENTENCE The <u>dining room</u> had a large window that looked out to the front yard.

dining table

- DEFINITION A dining table is a piece of furniture that has a large, flat top held up by legs. A dining table has room for many chairs so that people can sit around it to eat.
- SENTENCE The family bought a new <u>dining table</u> at the furniture store.

highchair

- DEFINITION A highchair is a small seat with tall legs that babies and toddlers sit in at mealtime. The chair has a removable food tray and a safety strap.
- SENTENCE The floor under the baby's <u>highchair</u> was very messy.

tablecloth

- DEFINITION A tablecloth is a large piece of fabric that can be placed over the top of a dining table to protect the surface when people eat. Some tablecloths are made of paper or plastic for special occasions.
- SENTENCE The grandmother chose a special <u>tablecloth</u> for the holiday meal.

place mat

- DEFINITION A place mat is a small piece of cloth, plastic, or paper that is placed on a table before setting it. People use place mats to protect and decorate tables.
- SENTENCE The man spilled salad dressing on his place mat.

56. dining room

Does your house have a dining room? If so, describe it. Why do you think the dining room in most houses is near the kitchen?

57. dining table

Why are dining tables sold in different sizes and with different numbers of chairs? What do people mean when they say that a "leaf" needs to be put in a dining table?

58. highchair

Why do you think the highchair was invented? Why might the floor under a highchair be messy after a meal?

59. tablecloth

Describe things that might happen to a tablecloth during a meal to cause it to get dirty. What should people do with a cloth tablecloth when the meal is over?

60. place mat

Describe times your family uses place mats. Name items that might be placed on a place mat.

Possible Group Activities

- 56. dining room Review that some families only use their dining rooms for special meals. Have students describe times their families eat in the dining room.
- 57. dining table Ask students to use the Internet to print pictures of the styles and sizes of dining tables they would like to have in their first homes as adults.
- 58. highchair Lead a discussion on how old a person usually is when he or she moves from a highchair to a booster seat and then to a regular dining chair.
- 59. tablecloth Furnish art supplies, and have each student design a tablecloth that could be used during his or her favorite season of the year.
- 60. place mat Bring in cloth, plastic, and paper place mats, and have students name times that would be appropriate to use each of the different types.

Teacher Read-Aloud

Ben and his dad are cooking a surprise birthday dinner for his mom. She has been out shopping for the afternoon with friends and will be home in about an hour.

To get ready, Ben places a blue <u>tablecloth</u> on the <u>dining table</u> in the <u>dining room</u>. Then, he sets a white and blue <u>place mat</u> at each place setting. For fun, his dad ties two balloons to Ben's baby sister's <u>highchair</u>. As a special treat, they bought a fresh flower arrangement to place in the center of the table. The menu for tonight includes spaghetti and meatballs with french-style green beans. Ben thinks his mother is really going to be surprised when she gets home.

Follow-up Question: How would you decorate the dining room for your mom's birthday?