

When Adults are Rude in Restaurants

Sometimes you don't always "do as you say"



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Adults behaving badly; happens all the time. (Just watch the news!) Having received a lifetime of "restaurant lectures and scoldings," kids become confused when they see adults being bossy or grouchy to the restaurant staff. Many kids cringe when waitresses and waiters are berated. Try asking the kids in your life if they've ever witnessed this double standard. You may be surprised by their reply.

Comments from Kids

Carter, 15



“Adults teach me to be polite, but sometimes they act in a different way. I gotta tell you, it's kind of confusing.” *Carter, 15*

“When my Dad bangs his fork on his coffee cup, I sink way down low, under the table. OMG.”

Leah, 12

“Waiters and waitresses are just doing their job. It's **so not cool** to be rude to them.” *Carissa, 14*

“Grandma says it's okay to yell, because she's the one who's paying.” *Dave, 14*

This isn't milk! I said milk!



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Try This, Adults

A road trip! Let's follow these 5 easy steps:

1. First, we go to a restaurant together.
2. You pretend to give a lesson on how to treat people.
3. I'll grade you (ha!), and point out anything you miss.
4. Maybe you'll learn a few good *tips!*
5. You pay the bill. (Don't forget the tip!) *Jason, 13*