

The Romans

1 A Roman dinner party



a) Look at this picture of a Roman dinner party. Do your dinner parties look like this? Write down three things that are different today.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

b) Complete the text and find out more about Roman food.

rich Romans

poor Romans

_____ didn't have a kitchen. So they took their food to the baker who cooked it for them. Slaves cooked the food in the kitchen for the _____.

_____ ate bread, vegetable soup and porridge. Meat was a luxury.

Most _____ ate their dinner late in the afternoon. They had meat as a starter, then fruit and nuts.

USEFUL PHRASES

- They didn't have ...
- We don't have ...
- The clothes are ...
- There are only ...

NEW WORDS

baker	Bäcker
to cook	kochen
vegetable soup	Gemüsesuppe
porridge	Haferbrei
meat	Fleisch
starter	Vorspeise
fruit	Frucht, Früchte
nut	Nuss

2 What do you know about Roman food?

a) Look at the picture of the dinner party again.

Do you see any forks or knives? Romans ate with their fingers. Slaves cut the meat into small pieces for the guests. The slaves also washed the guests' hands during dinner. Spoons were for softer food or soup.

NEW WORDS

guest	Gast
soft	weich
pancake	Pfannkuchen
honey	Honig
peanut butter	Erdnussbutter
meatball	Fleischbällchen
sauce	Soße, Sauce

b) Find a good answer and put a ✓ in the right place.

1. What did the Romans usually eat for breakfast?

- a) pancakes with honey
- b) toast with nutella
- c) a muffin with peanut butter

2. Roman dinners with dancers and lots of food took ...

- a) ten minutes
- b) two days
- c) six to eight hours

3. When people at Roman baths got hungry, they could buy ...

- a) chicken or meatballs in sauce
- b) a hamburger with ketchup
- c) pizza

4. What did the slaves do at a Roman dinner party?

- a) washed the people's hands
- b) washed the forks
- c) washed their hair

Lösungen

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a) individuelle Antworten. Mögliche Antworten: The people are lying on beds or sofas. There are no chairs. A man is bringing in meat. Everyone is wearing a toga and a wreath (Kranz). There are only men at the table.

b) poor Romans, rich Romans, poor Romans, rich Romans

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b) 1 = a 2 = c 3 = a 4 = a