

## HOW TO SPLIT A CHECK AMONGST FRIENDS

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### EARN THIS NUGGET

Have a meal with friends or family at a local restaurant. It does not have to be an expensive venue. The intention is for everyone to pay for their own meal, possibly from one check. Be organized and enjoy yourself. Make a decision at the start of the meal how you will split up the payment.

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As with most things, they are better tackled up front than a surprise at the end. Have a discussion before anyone orders and decide on the best way to handle this. If everyone will have similar priced meals, then an even split may be just fine. But if one person is on a tight budget, that could be very awkward and embarrassing indeed.

Sometimes, people will pay for what they got, leaving the last person to pay the remainder. In my experience the last person always ends up paying for items that other people forgot to mention when they were paying. Be aware of this pitfall.

You can ask that your server split the check. If you are going to do that though, tell the server up front, so there isn't extra work at the end. Some restaurants won't split a check. That is definitely something to find out ahead of time.



And then you come to the tip. It's usual to tip at least ten percent, usually fifteen or twenty. You need to make sure that the tip does not get lost in the shuffle. So as I said, having the conversation up front, will free everyone to enjoy the meal without concern and without the awkwardness at the end.