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May I take your order, please?

**11 READING**

# To Tip or Not to Tip?

Do you tip for services in your country? When?



**C**anadians and Americans usually tip in places like restaurants, airports, hotels, and hair salons because many people who work in these places get low salaries. A tip shows that the customer is pleased with the service.

At airports, porters usually get a dollar tip for each bag. Hotel bellhops usually get a dollar for carrying one or two suitcases. A hotel door attendant or parking valet also gets about a dollar for getting a taxi or for parking a car. Many people also tip hotel room attendants, especially when they stay in a hotel for several days. They usually leave a dollar for each day.

The usual tip for other kinds of services – for example, for taxi drivers, barbers, hairdressers, waiters, and waitresses – is between 10 and 20 percent of the bill. The size of the tip depends on how pleased the customer is. In most restaurants, the check does not include a service charge. If the group is large, however, there may be an added service charge. There is no tipping in cafeterias or fast-food restaurants.

**A Pair work** Read the article. Then talk about these questions.

- How much should you tip someone in North America who:
  - takes your bag at an airport?
  - parks your car at a hotel or restaurant?
  - serves you in a fast-food restaurant?
- What tip should you leave for the following:
  - a \$27 haircut?
  - a \$50 restaurant check?
  - a \$14 taxi fare?

**1 B Group work** Do you think tipping is a good or bad custom? Why?