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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

|              |                                                 |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>CBET:</b> | Competence Based Education and Training         |
| <b>PPE:</b>  | Personal Protective Equipment                   |
| <b>RQF:</b>  | Rwanda Qualification Framework                  |
| <b>SOPs:</b> | Standard Operating Procedures                   |
| <b>RSB:</b>  | Rwanda Standards Board                          |
| <b>RTB:</b>  | Rwanda TVET Board                               |
| <b>TVET:</b> | Technical and Vocational Education and Training |

## INTRODUCTION

This trainee's manual encompasses all necessary skills, knowledge and attitudes required to **Perform advanced restaurant buffet set up**. Students undertaking this module shall be exposed to practical activities that will develop and nurture their competences. The writing process of this training manual embraced competency-based education and training (CBET) philosophy by providing practical opportunities reflecting real life situations.

The trainee's manual is subdivided into units, each unit has got various topics. You will start with a self-assessment exercise to help you rate yourself on the level of skills, knowledge and attitudes about the unit.

A discovery activity is followed to help you discover what you already know about the unit.

After these activities, you will learn more about the topics by doing different activities by reading the required knowledge, techniques, steps, procedures and other requirements under the key facts section, you may also get assistance from the trainer. The activities in this training manual are prepared such that they give opportunities to students to work individually and in groups.

After going through all activities, you shall undertake progressive assessments known as formative and finally conclude with your self-reflection to identify your strengths, weaknesses and areas for improvement.

Do not forget to read the point to remember the section which provides the overall key points and takeaways of the unit.

## Module Units:

**Unit 1:** Perform buffet pre-setting activities

**Unit 2:** Set the seven courses buffet tableware

**Unit 3:** Perform buffet post-setting activities

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## UNIT 1: PERFORM BUFFET PRE-SETTING ACTIVITIES



### Unit summary

This unit provides you with the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to perform buffet pre-setting activities. It covers personal grooming checking, cleaning of buffet display area, the selection of tools and equipment for various buffet, and displaying buffet set up forms.

## Self-Assessment: Unit 1

1. Referring to the unit above illustration, discuss the following:
  - a. What does the illustration show?
  - b. What topics do you think will be covered in the unit base on the illustration?
2. Fill in and complete the self-assessment table below to assess your level of knowledge, skills and attitudes under this unit.
  - a. There is no right or wrong way to answer this assessment. It is for your own reference and self-reflection on the knowledge, skills and attitudes acquisition during the learning process.
  - b. Think about yourself; do you think you have the knowledge, skills or attitudes to do the task? How well?
  - c. Read the statements across the top, put a check-in a column that best represents your level of knowledge, skills and attitudes.
  - d. At the end of this unit, you will assess yourself again

| My experience                                                                         | I do not have any experience doing this. | I know a little about this. | I have some experience doing this. | I have a lot of experience with this. | I am confident in my ability to do this. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Knowledge, skills and attitudes                                                       |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Describe the key aspects to check when assessing personal grooming for a head steward |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Describe head-steward dressing code                                                   |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Apply head-steward safety and hygiene practices                                       |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Describe dining areas cleaning steps                                                  |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |

| My experience                                                          | I do not have any experience doing this. | I know a little about this. | I have some experience doing this. | I have a lot of experience with this. | I am confident in my ability to do this. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Knowledge, skills and attitudes                                        |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Describe dining area cleaning techniques                               |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Apply dining areas cleaning techniques                                 |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Identify dining area cleaning products and detergents                  |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Describe dining area cleaning products and detergents                  |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Use dining area cleaning products and detergents                       |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Respect cleaning SOPs                                                  |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Identify buffet service styles                                         |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| use tools, materials and equipment according to buffet service style   |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Identify tools, materials and equipment according to the buffet styles |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |

| My experience                                                                                | I do not have any experience doing this. | I know a little about this. | I have some experience doing this. | I have a lot of experience with this. | I am confident in my ability to do this. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Knowledge, skills and attitudes                                                              |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Describe the factors to consider when selecting buffet set up tools, materials and equipment |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |



### Key Competencies:

| Knowledge                                                                                | Skills                                                                   | Attitudes                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Describe the key aspects to check when assessing personal grooming for a head steward | 1. Assess head steward dressing code                                     | 1. Apply Head-steward Safety and hygiene practices                        |
| 2. Differentiate dining areas cleaning techniques                                        | 2. Apply dining areas cleaning techniques                                | 2. Comply with health and safety standards during cleaning of dining area |
| 3. Identify dining area cleaning products                                                | 3. Use dining area cleaning products                                     | 3. Respect for cleaning SOPs                                              |
| 4. Identify buffet service styles                                                        | 4. use tools , materials and equipment according to buffet service style | 4. Respect Hygiene measures when set up buffet                            |



### Discovery activity:



#### Task 1:

**Using your experience, read and answer the following questions:**

1. What are the key aspects to check when assessing personal grooming for a head steward?
2. What are the elements for a head steward dressing code?
3. What are the safety and hygiene measures to be followed by a head steward at the workplace?
4. What steps are to be followed when cleaning the dining area?
5. Describe the cleaning techniques for cleaning a hotel dining area
6. List down detergents and products used for cleaning a hotel dining area
7. what are the factors to consider when selecting equipment, materials and tools for advanced restaurant buffet display?
8. Give examples of common equipment, materials and tools used for advanced restaurant buffet display.
9. Describe commonly used buffet set up forms

## Topic 1.1: Maintaining personal grooming



Figure 1 Maintaining personal grooming



### Activity 1: Problem Solving



#### Task 2:

#### Scenario 1: Handling inappropriate personnel grooming for a head steward

Kigali unique Hotel is hosting a big event and one of the services to offer is to cater for lunch. As the supervisor, you have realized that among the head stewards, some have uniforms which are too tight making it difficult to move freely while performing their duties such as serving or carrying heavy trays. Also, some others wear inappropriate or overall casual uniform for a formal event.

Questions:

1. What was missing from the staff to meet the head steward dressing code?
2. What are the key aspects to checking when assessing personal grooming for a head steward?

## Key Facts 1.1: Maintaining personal grooming

- **Dressing code for a head steward:**

- ✓ **Uniform:**

- ✚ Blazer or Suit: A tailored blazer or suit is standard, often in black, navy, or dark grey. The color may depend on the establishment's brand.
- ✚ Shirt: A crisp, white dress shirt is a common choice. Some places may allow light pastel or subtle patterned shirts.
- ✚ Tie or Bowtie: In many establishments, a tie or bowtie is required. It should match the formality of the uniform and the overall setting.
- ✚ Vest: Some Head Stewards may wear a waistcoat or vest as part of the uniform for added formality.

- ✓ **Footwear:**

- ✚ Formal Shoes: Polished, black leather dress shoes (oxfords, brogues, or similar) are standard.
- ✚ Neat and Polished: Shoes should always be in good condition, clean, and polished.

- ✓ **Accessories:**

- ✚ Name Tag: A name tag or a small emblem may be required to denote the position.
- ✚ Watch: A conservative wristwatch is acceptable but should not be overly flashy.
- ✚ Cufflinks: If the uniform includes French cuffs, appropriate cufflinks should be worn.

- ✓ **Hair and Grooming:**

- ✚ Well-Groomed Hair: Hair should be neat and styled conservatively. In some cases, longer hair should be tied back.
- ✚ Facial Hair: If allowed, facial hair should be neatly trimmed and well-kept.
- ✚ Personal Hygiene: Cleanliness and hygiene are paramount. Cologne/perfume should be subtle.

- ✓ **Additional Considerations:**

- ✚ Standards of the Venue: The dress code might vary depending on the setting—luxury restaurants or five-star hotels may have stricter rules than less formal venues.
- ✚ Comfortable Yet Professional: As Head Stewards often move around, their attire should balance formality with practicality.

- **key aspects of personal grooming for a Head Steward:**

- ✓ **Personal Hygiene**

- ✚ Shower Regularly: Maintaining a fresh, clean body is crucial. Showering daily and using deodorant ensures you're odor-free and feel comfortable throughout your shift.
- ✚ Oral Care: Brush your teeth and floss regularly to maintain fresh breath. A clean mouth reflects well on your overall grooming.
- ✚ Nails: Keep your nails clean, trimmed, and filed. Avoid bright or distracting nail polish, as it can look unprofessional in a formal setting. Ensure there are no signs of chipped nail polish.
- ✚ Hands: Since the role involves handling food and interacting with guests, hands should always be clean. Use hand sanitizer if necessary, especially after handling objects or touching surfaces.

- ✓ **Hair Care**

- ✚ Neat and Styled: Hair should be neat and styled in a way that complements the uniform. Keep it trimmed, and avoid excessive use of hair products that can cause a messy look.
- ✚ Length and Color: Hair should generally be kept at a manageable length. For long hair, it should be tied back neatly, avoiding any strands that fall over the face or get in the way of your tasks.
- ✚ Facial Hair: If allowed, facial hair should be well-groomed, neat, and trimmed. A clean-shaven look is often preferred in most high-end establishments, but if you have facial hair, make sure it's consistently maintained.

- ✓ **Skin Care:**

- ✚ Clean and Hydrated: Keep your skin clean and moisturized. A fresh, healthy complexion adds to a professional appearance.
- ✚ Avoid Overuse of Cosmetics: If you wear makeup, it should be minimal and natural. Excessive makeup can be distracting and unprofessional.

- ✓ **Clothing Care:**

- ✚ Ironed Uniforms: Your uniform should be perfectly pressed, with no wrinkles or creases. A crisp, tidy appearance demonstrates attention to detail.

- ✚ Clean and Stain-Free: Ensure that your clothes are free of stains, dirt, and pet hair. If something spills, it should be cleaned immediately.

- ✚ Fit and Comfort: The uniform should fit comfortably but remain well-tailored and professional. Avoid tight or overly loose clothing that may interfere with your duties.

✓ **Fragrance:**

- ✚ Subtle Scents: While fragrance can be pleasant, it should be subtle and not overpowering. Strong perfumes or colognes may be off-putting to guests or colleagues, particularly in food service.

- ✚ No Overpowering Scents: Avoid wearing overly strong scents, such as heavily scented lotions or aftershave, especially when handling food or interacting with guests.

✓ **Teeth and Breath:**

- ✚ Fresh Breath: Regularly brush your teeth, and use breath mints or mouthwash if needed. Having fresh breath is critical when interacting with guests in close proximity.

- ✚ Avoid Strong-Smelling Foods: If you're about to serve guests, avoid foods with strong odors that may linger on your breath, like garlic or coffee.

✓ **Physical Fitness:**

- ✚ Maintain Good Posture: A Head Steward should always stand straight, with their shoulders back. Good posture conveys confidence and professionalism.

- ✚ Physical Fitness: While not a strict requirement, being physically fit can help improve stamina, especially during long shifts. It also helps maintain energy levels for performing duties effectively.

✓ **General Etiquette and Behavior:**

- ✚ Polite and Courteous: Personal grooming is also reflected in behavior. Displaying good manners, respectful communication, and a positive attitude enhances the overall guest experience.

- ✚ Body Language: Be mindful of your body language, as it reflects professionalism. Avoid slouching, crossing arms, or any other gestures that may seem unapproachable.

- **Head steward work attire:**
  - ✓ **Jacket/Blazer:**
    - ✚ Type: A well-tailored blazer or suit jacket is the most common. It should fit snugly and comfortably.
    - ✚ Color: Standard colors include black, navy, dark grey, or charcoal. Some venues may offer options based on their branding.
    - ✚ Fabric: The jacket should be made from a durable yet breathable material such as wool, especially in higher-end establishments.
  - ✓ **Shirt:**
    - ✚ Style: A classic, crisp white or light-colored dress shirt is typically worn, preferably with a stiff collar for a neat appearance.
    - ✚ Fit: The shirt should be tailored but allow enough freedom of movement for the steward to perform their duties without restrictions.
    - ✚ Fabric: Cotton is most commonly used, though some venues may opt for blends that are easier to maintain (wrinkle-resistant).
  - ✓ **Tie or Bow Tie:**
    - ✚ Tie: Most formal venues require a tie. A simple, solid color or subtly patterned tie is often appropriate. It should be tied neatly with the knot placed properly at the collar.
    - ✚ Bow Tie: In certain upscale or formal settings, a bow tie may be required, often as part of a more distinguished look. This is common in fine-dining restaurants or luxury cruise lines.
  - ✓ **Vest:**
    - ✚ Optional: Some venues require a waistcoat (vest) as part of the uniform for an additional layer of formality. It's often worn under the jacket and should match the color scheme of the suit.
    - ✚ Fit: The vest should be well-fitted, not too tight or too loose, and complement the overall suit.
  - ✓ **Trousers:**
    - ✚ Fit: The trousers should be well-fitted and match the blazer in both color and fabric. A clean, crisp look is essential.

- ✚ Length: Pants should be tailored to the correct length, ensuring that they fall just above the shoe and do not drag on the floor.

✓ **Footwear:**

- ✚ Style: Leather dress shoes are the most common choice. Typically, black leather oxford shoes or brogues are worn.
- ✚ Condition: Shoes must be clean, polished, and in good condition. Scuffed shoes are unacceptable in a professional setting.
- ✚ Socks: Black or dark-colored socks are usually required to match the formal look. They should be long enough to cover the ankle and calf.

✓ **Accessories:**

- ✚ Name Tag: Many venues require a name tag to be worn on the jacket. It should be clean, readable, and affixed to the left side of the chest.
- ✚ Watch: A subtle, professional wristwatch may be worn. It should not be overly flashy or draw unnecessary attention.
- ✚ Cufflinks: If the shirt has French cuffs, appropriate cufflinks should be used. Cufflinks should be simple and elegant, without being too ornate.
- ✚ Pocket Square: Some venues allow or encourage a neatly folded pocket square as an additional touch of refinement.

✓ **Hair and Grooming:**

- ✚ Hair: Hair should be neatly groomed and styled in a professional manner. If hair is long, it should be tied back in a neat manner.
- ✚ Facial Hair: If allowed, facial hair should be well-trimmed and clean.
- ✚ Nails: Keep nails clean and neatly trimmed. Avoid bright or distracting nail polish.

✓ **Overall Appearance:**

- ✚ The Head Steward's attire should be impeccable, free from wrinkles, stains, and odors. Everything from the jacket to the shoes should be well-maintained.
- ✚ The steward should project an image of authority, competence, and professionalism while remaining approachable.

✓ **Special Considerations:**

- ✚ Apron: In some environments, especially where food service is involved, a clean apron may be worn over the suit jacket. It's typically white or black.
- ✚ Safety and Comfort: Depending on the venue, the attire should also be comfortable enough for the steward to carry out tasks such as standing for long periods, moving swiftly, or handling food items.

• **Core aspects of safety and hygiene standards for a Head Steward:**

✓ **Personal Hygiene:**

- ✚ Clean Uniform: A clean, well-maintained uniform is a must. This includes wearing freshly laundered shirts, aprons (if applicable), and well-polished shoes.
- ✚ Hand Hygiene: The Head Steward should always ensure that hands are washed regularly, particularly after handling food, trash, or cleaning products. Hand sanitizers should also be available in strategic locations for staff and guests.
- ✚ Nail Care: Nails should be kept short, clean, and free from nail polish, as this could potentially harbor bacteria or contaminants.
- ✚ Hair Grooming: Hair should be clean and neatly styled. Long hair should be tied back or secured to prevent it from falling into food or contaminating service areas.
- ✚ Facial Hair: If facial hair is allowed, it must be neatly trimmed and well-maintained to prevent any risk of contamination. Some establishments may require staff to wear beard nets or face masks.
- ✚ Proper Footwear: Non-slip, closed-toe shoes are a must to avoid accidents, especially when working in wet or slippery environments.

✓ **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):**

- ✚ Gloves: Food handlers should wear gloves when handling food, especially raw food or ready-to-eat items. The Head Steward should ensure that gloves are changed regularly, especially after handling raw meat, poultry, or fish.
- ✚ Face Masks: In some environments, particularly during outbreaks of infectious diseases (e.g., flu or COVID-19), face masks and other PPE may be required.
- ✚ Aprons: Clean aprons should be worn to protect uniforms from stains and contamination when working around food and beverages.



## Activity 2: Guided Practice



### Task 3:

#### **Scenario 2: Preparing for Excellence: Personal Grooming and Setup for the Advanced Buffet**

You are getting ready to set up an advanced buffet in the school FBO workshop. Before setting the advanced buffet there are activities including maintaining/checking personal grooming that must be performed.

Required:

1. Design a simple checklist you will use to maintain/check personal grooming
2. Maintain personal grooming as you prepare for setting up the advanced buffet



## Activity 3: Application



### Task 4:

#### **Scenario 3: Visit to Hotel ABC**

Visit the restaurant in hotel ABC in your community and request to participate in setting up of the any advanced buffet.

Required:

1. Maintain personal grooming before setting up the advanced buffet
2. Using a checklist, make a report of how the other workers/stewards maintained personal grooming before setting up the buffet.

## Topic 1.2 Cleaning of buffet display area



Figure 2 Cleaning of buffet display area



### Activity 1: Problem Solving



#### Task 5:

##### Scenario 1: Post-Breakfast Cleanup

You are a new staff member at MONKEY hotel . Your supervisor has asked you to clean the buffet display area after breakfast service. You notice a sticky residue on the countertop and some food debris on the serving trays. After reading this scenario answer these questions.

1. What are the first things you should do before starting to clean?
2. What cleaning supplies and tools would you use to clean the sticky stuff and food bits?  
How would you use them safely and correctly?
3. What steps would you take to make sure the buffet area is clean and safe for the next meal?

## Key Facts 1.2: Cleaning of buffet display area

- Step by step guide for cleaning the buffet display
  - ✓ Remove all food items
    - + Start by clearing away all remaining food from the buffet
    - + Discard any leftovers in appropriate containers and store any food that needs to be reused
  - ✓ Wash and sanitize all surfaces
    - + Clean the table or counter where the buffet is set up
    - + After cleaning, sanitize the area using an approved food-face sanitizer.
  - ✓ Clean trays, containers and utensils
    - + Wash all serving trays, containers and utensils that were used during the buffet.
    - + Rinse well and sanitize the items to ensure they are free from germs
  - ✓ Wipe down equipment
    - + Clean and chafing dishes, warming trays, or other equipment used to keep food at the right temperature
    - + Pay special attention to any spills or stains and ensure all equipment is thoroughly sanitized.
  - ✓ Check for crumbs and spills
    - + Sweep or vacuum the floor to remove any food scraps or crumbs that may have fallen
    - + Wipe down any surrounding furniture or walls that may have been affected.
  - ✓ Restock or reassemble the buffet display
    - + Once everything is clean, you can restock the buffet area with fresh food and arrange it neatly
    - + Ensure food items are covered and serving utensils are properly sanitized and placed in each dish
  - ✓ Final touch
    - + Add decorations or napkins back into the buffet display

-  Adjust the layout for both visual appeal and practicality, ensuring easy access for guests.
- Dining area cleaning techniques
  - ✓ Preparation for Cleaning
    -  Clearance of Items
    -  Inspection of the Area
    -  Selection of Cleaning Products and Tools
  - ✓ Cleaning Processes and Techniques
    -  Clear tables and chairs
      - Remove all items
      - Check for leftovers
      - Move chairs
    -  Dusting and surface cleaning
      - Dust high surfaces
      - Wipe tables and chairs
      - Pay attention to chair legs and seat areas
    -  Sanitizing high touch areas
      - Clean door handles, menus, condiments holders and other high touch surfaces
      - Touch points
    -  Floor cleaning
      - Sweep or vacuum the floor
      - Mop the floor
      - Check for spills
    -  Restocking items
      - Refill condiments and utensils
      - Replace used menus
    -  Clean and reorganize serving stations
      - Buffet stations, salad bars or beverage areas
      - Restock beverage stations

-  Final touches
  - Set up the tables
  - Set cutlery
  - Adjust the ambiance
-  End of shift cleaning
  - Deep clean the floors
  - Inspect the area
  - Waste disposal
  - Storage of cleaning tools
- Dining area cleaning products
  - ✓ Types of Cleaning Products and Their Uses
    -  Detergents
    -  Disinfectants
    -  Specialty Cleaners
  - ✓ Selection and Application of Cleaning Products
    -  Product Suitability
    -  Dilution and Application
    -  Safety Considerations
  - ✓ Storage and Handling of Cleaning Products
    -  Safe Storage
    -  Disposal Practices
    -  Proper Handling



## Activity 2: Guided Practice



### Task 6:

#### **Scenario 2: Balancing Timely Service and Cleanliness During a Corporate Event in a Hotel"**

During a corporate event at X hotel, the buffet area is set up to accommodate hundreds of guests. The catering team is under pressure to serve food in a timely manner while keeping the buffet area clean and well maintained.

You are appointed as a supervisor of interns who are assigned to clean this space.

Provide them with a checklist of the steps to follow during the cleaning and assist them where necessary to ensure that steps are followed, proper techniques are being used and health and safety measures are respected.



## Activity 3: Application



### Task 7:

#### **Scenario 3: Thorough Post-Breakfast Cleanup**

The dining area has been heavily used during the breakfast services. The area is very dirty with food crumbs, spilled drinks, sticky surfaces and dirty dishes scattered across multiple tables. You are tasked with the cleaning of this area before lunchtime.

Clean the area by following the steps, using appropriate cleaning techniques with respect to hygiene practices while complying with healthy and safety measures.

## Topic 1.3: Selection of buffet set up tools, material and equipment



Figure 3 Selection of buffet set up tools, material and equipment



### Activity 1: Problem Solving



#### Task 8:

##### Scenario 1: Balancing Variety and Dietary Needs for a buffet set up"

You are a banquet manager at a hotel. You are tasked with setting up a buffet for a large corporate event. The client has requested a variety of food options, including vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-free dishes. You need to ensure that the buffet set-up is efficient, attractive, and meets the dietary needs of all guests. Answer the following questions:

1. What would you consider when selecting buffet set up equipment, materials and tools?

2. What types of serving utensils and display items would you choose to accommodate the different food options and dietary restrictions?
3. How would you clearly label the different food items to avoid cross-contamination and inform guests of dietary restrictions?
4. How would you arrange the buffet to ensure smooth traffic flow and easy access to all food options?

### Key facts 1.3: Selection of buffet set up tools, material and equipment

- **Buffet service styles**

- ✓ **Self-service buffet**

- 🔧 Tools, Equipment, and Materials Required



- Serving Utensils
- Buffet Display Items
- Signage and Labelling

- ✓ **Assisted service buffet**

- 🔧 Diet restrictions

- Allergic to food ingredient
- Vegans
- Gluten sensitive

- 🔧 Tools, material and equipment for different buffet set ups

- Breakfast setup

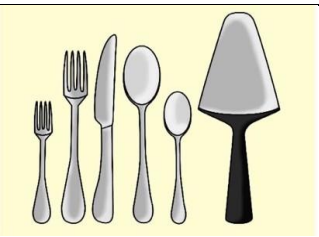


- Buffet warmers
- Serving bowls
- Soup tureens
- Cooling trays or ice pans



#### Food services tools

- Serving utensils

| Tool         | Image                                                                               | Function                                                                                                                |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ladles       |    | Use to dish soups                                                                                                       |
| Tongs        |  | Tongs are used for picking up and holding objects that are too hot to handle                                            |
| Spoons/forks |  | Cutlery comprises knives, forks, and spoons; we use them to cut our food into tiny pieces to make it easier to eat them |

- Chafing dishes



#### Display and decorative items

- Decorative trays
- Food covers/clothes
- Conterpieces
- Label/signage



#### Beverage station equipment

- Beverage dispensers
- Coffee urns
- Ice buckets

- Cups, mugs and glasses

#### Serving furniture accessories

- Serving stations
- Food display screens
- Tray stands

#### Cleaning and hygiene supplies

- Sanitizing wipes/sprays
- Napkins dispensers
- Trash bags/containers
- Hand sanitizer station

#### Miscellaneous

- Chafing dish covers
- Heat lamps
- Serving bowls with lids

#### Additional consideration for buffet set up

- Power source
- Food safety
- Labelling for allergen awareness

#### Factors to Consider for Selection

- Material Quality and Durability
- Compatibility with Buffet Style

#### **Buffet Layout Form**

- **Linear Layout:** Buffet tables are arranged in a straight line. This is ideal for smaller events.
- **U-Shape Layout:** A U-shaped setup maximizes space and allows for more guests to serve themselves at once.
- **Island Style Layout:** Multiple stations are set up in the middle of the room, allowing guests to walk around each table.
- **Circular Layout:** Tables are arranged in a circular fashion for larger events, encouraging flow and movement.

### **Food Category Arrangement Form**

Organize food based on types or courses to keep everything streamlined and easy for guests to access.

- **Cold Items:** Appetizers, salads, and cold sides.
- **Hot Items:** Main courses, such as meats and casseroles.
- **Desserts:** Cakes, pies, cookies, and sweets.
- **Beverages:** Drinks should be separated from the food to prevent crowding.

 **Serving Style Form:** Identify whether the food will be served on platters, in chafing dishes, or in serving bowls:

- **Self-Serve:** Guests pick their own portions, typically using tongs or ladles. Ensure serving utensils are provided for each dish.
- **Staff-Assisted:** For high-end events, staff may serve food directly to guests, which helps with portion control and presentation.
- **Interactive Stations:** Some buffets include stations where guests can customize their meal, such as taco or pasta stations.

 **Flow and Traffic Pattern Form:** Plan for how guests will navigate the buffet line to avoid bottlenecks:

- **Clear Signage:** Label dishes so guests know what's available.
- **Flow Direction:** Consider placing the line in a way that allows guests to move from appetizers to main courses to desserts without backtracking.
- **Spacing:** Leave enough space between each dish to allow guests to serve themselves without crowding.
- **Table Decor and Setup Form:** Details about how the buffet area will be decorated and organized.
- **Tablecloths:** Choose tablecloths that match the event's theme or color scheme.
- **Floral Arrangements:** Small, low-profile flowers that don't obstruct the view of the food.
- **Chafing Dishes and Covers:** Use chafing dishes to keep hot food warm and covered to maintain hygiene.

### **Serving Equipment Checklist**

- **Chafing Dishes** for hot items.
- **Ice Buckets** for cold drinks or desserts.
- **Serving Utensils** for each dish (tongs, ladles, spoons).
- **Plates, Napkins, and Utensils** for guests to pick up.
- **Trash Bins** for guests to dispose of plates and napkins.
- **Event Type:** (Wedding, Corporate Event, Birthday)
- **Date and Time:** (When is the event?)
- **Number of Guests:**
- **Layout Design:** (U-shape, Linear, etc.)
- **Food Categories:**
  - Hot Dishes: (Steak, Chicken, etc.)
  - Cold Dishes: (Salads, Fruit, etc.)
  - Desserts: (Cake, Cookies)
  - Beverages: (Water, Soda, Wine)
- **Serving Style:** (Self-Serve, Staff-Assisted, or Station)
- **Decor & Ambiance:** (Theme colors, floral arrangements)
- **Hygiene Measures:** (Sanitizer stations, food labeling)



## **Activity 2: Guided Practice**



### **Task 9:**

#### **Scenario 2: Preparing for a Busy Breakfast Buffet**

You are working in a hotel and today you are preparing for a busy breakfast buffet. They need to set up an English breakfast, a Continental breakfast, and an Anglo-American breakfast. Each breakfast type requires different tools and materials.

For the English breakfast, the staff needs items like tongs, serving spoons, and chafing dishes to keep the food warm. For the Continental breakfast, the staff sets up display trays for pastries, fruit, and yogurt, along with small serving spoons. Signage is placed to label

each dish and note any dietary restrictions, like gluten-free options for guests with sensitivities.

Required:

Select the tools, materials and equipment for each type of breakfast according to the above given guidance.



### Activity 3: Application



#### Task 10:

#### Scenario 3: Enhancing Buffet Excellence

A luxury hotel has recently revamped its buffet restaurant to accommodate large scale events such as conferences and weddings. The management wants to ensure that the buffet set up not only meets the aesthetics standards expected in high-end establishment but also supports efficient operations in terms of food presentation and service.

The hotel hired you to assist them to select the right tools, materials and equipment to maintain food temperature, manage Crowd flow and make the buffet easy to clean. Perform that task.



## Formative assessment

1. Which of the following is considered as a key element of personal grooming for a head steward
  - a. Wearing a uniform that is clean, pressed and properly fitted
  - b. Keeping fingernails clean and trimmed
  - c. Ensuring that hair is neatly styled and tied back if long
  - d. All of them
2. Why is personal grooming important for a head steward in a hotel restaurant environment?
  - a. It reflects the professionalism and image of the establishment
  - b. It helps to improve guest satisfaction
  - c. It ensures hygiene and cleanliness
  - d. All of them
3. What is the first step in cleaning the buffet display area before setting up the food?
  - a. Wipe down surfaces with a damp cloth
  - b. Sweep and mop the floor around the buffet area
  - c. Remove all existing items from the buffet table and disinfect the surface
  - d. Place the clean plates and utensils on the buffet table
4. Which of the following is an appropriate way to clean buffet equipment like serving trays and chafing dishes
  - a. Wash it with hot, soapy water and sanitize it with a food-safe disinfectant
  - b. Wipe them with a damp cloth and dry them with a towel
  - c. Use any available cleaning products regardless of type
  - d. Leave them unwashed and just wipe the surface before use.
5. Which should be done to ensure that food items on the buffet remains safe from contamination during cleaning
  - a. Clean the buffet area before placing food and cover the food once it is placed
  - b. allow the food to remain uncovered during cleaning for easy access
  - c. Only wipe down areas that will not encounter food
  - d. Remove all the food and set up the buffet in a separate area for cleaning

6. True or false

- a. The selection of the buffet setup tools should be based on the type of food to be served
- b. It is important to use heat-resistant equipment for serving hot food in a buffet setup'
- c. Buffet display tools should be selected based on aesthetics, but functionality is less important
- d. All buffet serving equipment should be made of non-porous glass to ensure they can be easily cleaned and sanitized

7. True or false

- a. It is essential to choose buffet display equipment that aligns with theme or style of the event
- b. All buffets set up tools and equipment should be sanitized before the buffet is opened to guests
- c. Using cloth napkins for buffet set up is acceptable if they are clean and free of stains.
- d. Disposal utensils and plates are always the best choice for buffet set up as they eliminate the need for cleaning



**Points to Remember**

- Always consider hotel standards when checking head-steward dress code.
- Always maintain a high standard of cleanliness and Hygiene to ensure a pleasant of the guest
- Select tools, materials and equipment's easy to use and resistant to weather change
- Comply with health, safety rules and regulations.
- Focus on the durability, quality and capability before selecting tools materials and equipment for buffet set up.



## Self-Reflection

1. Read the statements across the top. Put a check in a column that best represents your level of knowledge, skills and attitudes.

| My experience                                                                         | I do not have any experience doing this. | I know a little about this. | I have some experience doing this. | I have a lot of experience with this. | I am confident in my ability to do this. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Knowledge, skills and attitudes                                                       |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Describe the key aspects to check when assessing personal grooming for a head steward |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Describe head-steward dressing code                                                   |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Apply head-steward safety and hygiene practices                                       |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Describe dining areas cleaning steps                                                  |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Describe dining area cleaning techniques                                              |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Apply dining areas cleaning techniques                                                |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Identify dining area cleaning products and detergents                                 |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Describe dining area cleaning products and detergents                                 |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |

| My experience                                                                                | I do not have any experience doing this. | I know a little about this. | I have some experience doing this. | I have a lot of experience with this. | I am confident in my ability to do this. |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Knowledge, skills and attitudes                                                              |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Use dining area cleaning products and detergents                                             |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Respect cleaning SOPs                                                                        |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Identify buffet service styles                                                               |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Use tools, materials and equipment according to buffet service style                         |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Identify tools, materials and equipment according to the buffet styles                       |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Describe the factors to consider when selecting buffet set up tools, materials and equipment |                                          |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |

2. Fill in the table above and share results with the trainer for further guidance.

| Areas of strength | Areas for improvement | Actions to be taken to improve |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.                | 1.                    | 1.                             |
| 2.                | 2.                    | 2.                             |
| 3.                | 3.                    | 3.                             |

## UNIT 2: SET THE SEVEN COURSES BUFFET TABLEWARE



*Figure 4 Set the seven courses buffet tableware*

### Unit summary

This unit provides you with the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to set the seven courses for a buffet tableware. It covers a number of topics including , displaying amuse-bouche buffet tableware, displaying appetizers/starter buffet tableware, pasta and related condiments & sauces, displaying main course buffet tableware, displaying dessert course and condiments and displaying tea-coffee and petit fours table ways.

## Self-Assessment: Unit 2

1. Referring to the unit above illustration, discuss the following:
  - a. What does the illustration show?
  - b. What topics do you think will be covered in the unit based on the illustration?
2. Fill in and complete the self-assessment table below to assess your level of knowledge, skills and attitudes under this unit.
  - a. There is no right or wrong way to answer this assessment. It is for your own reference and self-reflection on the knowledge, skills and attitudes acquisition during the learning process.
  - b. Think about yourself; do you think you have the knowledge, skills or attitudes to do the task? How well?
  - c. Read the statements across the top, put a check-in a column that best represents your level of knowledge, skills and attitudes.

At the end of this unit, you will assess yourself again

| My experience                                             | I don't have any experience doing this. | I know a little about this. | I have some experience doing this. | I have a lot of experience with this. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Knowledge, skills and attitudes                           |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Differentiate categories of amuse-bouche                  |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Respect food safety and portion control                   |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Enhance the guest dining experience with aesthetic appeal |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Identify appropriate tableware for different dishes       |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Describe different types of tableware display techniques  |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |

| My experience                                                                      | I don't have               | I know a           | I have some            | I have a lot             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Knowledge, skills and attitudes                                                    | any experience doing this. | little about this. | experience doing this. | of experience with this. |
| for presenting amuse-bouche                                                        |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Apply tips when displaying tableware for amuse bouche                              |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Display different tableware for amuse bouche                                       |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Comply with safety and hygiene measures when displaying tableware for amuse-bouche |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Differentiate categories of appetizers and starters                                |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Describe types of Buffet tableware for appetizers and starters                     |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Organize the buffet table for visual appeal and functionality                      |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Apply tips for displaying appetizers and starters                                  |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Select pasta types to offer                                                        |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Display tableware for pasta                                                        |                            |                    |                        |                          |

| My experience                                                    | I don't have               | I know a           | I have some            | I have a lot             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Knowledge, skills and attitudes                                  | any experience doing this. | little about this. | experience doing this. | of experience with this. |
| Display tableware for sauces                                     |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Display tableware for condiments and toppings                    |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Apply serving methods of pasta and condiments                    |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Differentiate sorbet categories and condiments tableware display |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Describe key elements of Buffet Tableware Setup                  |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Select appropriate Serving Utensils for main course buffet       |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Identify sauces dishes                                           |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Respect table Layout and Flow                                    |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Comply with hygiene and practical Considerations                 |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Respect Guest Comfort and Accessibility                          |                            |                    |                        |                          |

| My experience                                                       | I don't have               | I know a           | I have some            | I have a lot             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Knowledge, skills and attitudes                                     | any experience doing this. | little about this. | experience doing this. | of experience with this. |
| Present and Decorate main buffet tableware                          |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Select dessert and its condiments courses                           |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Display tableware for dessert courses                               |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Apply general tips for displaying dessert courses and Condiments    |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Differentiate hot drinks from cold drinks                           |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Describe petit-fours categories                                     |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Select utensils for displaying tea-coffee and petit fours tableware |                            |                    |                        |                          |
| Display tea- coffee and petit fours tableware                       |                            |                    |                        |                          |



## Key Competencies:

| Knowledge                                                                             | Skills                                                        | Attitudes                                                                             |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Differentiate categories of amuse-bouche                                           | 1. Apply tips when displaying tableware for amuse bouche      | 1. Comply with safety and hygiene measures when displaying tableware for amuse-bouche |
| 2. Describe types of Buffet tableware for appetizers and starters                     | 2. Display buffet tableware for appetizers and starters       | 2. Organize the buffet table for visual appeal and functionality                      |
| 3. Describe key elements of Buffet Tableware Setup                                    | 3. Select appropriate Serving Utensils for main course buffet | 3. Respect food safety and portion control                                            |
| 4. Identify sauces dishes                                                             | 4. Select appropriate sauces dishes                           | 4. Enhance the guest dining experience with aesthetic appeal                          |
| 5. Describe different techniques for displaying tableware for desserts and condiments | 5. Display tableware for dessert courses                      | 5. Comply with safety and hygiene measures                                            |
| 6. Describe serving methods for pasta and condiments                                  | 6. Apply serving methods of pasta and condiments              |                                                                                       |
| 7. Describe tea- coffee and petit fours categories                                    | 7. Display tea- coffee and petit fours tableware              |                                                                                       |



## Discovery activity



### Task 11:

1. Based on your experience, read and answer the following questions
  - a. What are the categories of amuse-bouche buffet?
  - b. Describe different techniques for displaying amuse-bouche tableware.
  - c. What are the tips when displaying amuse-bouche buffet tableware?
  - d. List down categories of appetizers and starters.
  - e. Describe the buffet table displaying techniques for visual appeal and functionality
  - f. Differentiate types of pasta to offer.
  - g. Differentiate sorbet categories and condiments tableware display.
  - h. Describe the flow for the main course buffet tableware display.
  - i. What are the tips for displaying dessert courses and Condiments.
  - j. Differentiate hot drinks from cold drinks.
  - k. Give examples of petit fours commonly used in buffet set up.

## Topic 2.1: Displaying Amuse-bouche buffet tableware



Figure 5 Displaying Amuse-bouche buffet tableware



## Activity 1: Problem Solving



### Task 11:

#### Scenario 1: Maximizing Space and Elegance for Amuse-Bouches for a Large Crowd

A large crowd is expected, and the buffet space is limited. The host wants to display a variety of amuse-bouches without overcrowding the table or making it difficult for guests to access each item.

#### Questions:

1. Suggest to the host a suitable amuse- bouche to be used on the buffet
2. Make a list of tableware vessels appropriate for each suggested amuse-bouche

#### KEY FACTS: Displaying Amuse-bouche buffet tableware

- **Categories of amuse- bouche**

- ✓ Classic amuse Bouche

- ✚ Miniature soup shooters

- Small serving soup like gazpacho, butternut squash, lobster bisque in shot glasses or mini cups

- ✚ Smoked salmon blini

- ✚ Caviar or toast points

- ✚ Mini Quiche

- ✓ Sea Food amuse-bouche

- ✚ Shrimp cocktail

- ✚ Tuna tartare

- ✚ Oysters on the half shell

- ✚ Smoked salmon

- ✓ Vegetarians amuse- bouche

- ✚ Caprese skewers

- ✚ Vegetables crudités with dip

- ✚ Stuffed mushrooms

- ✚ Mini Veggie Spring rolls

- ✓ Gourmet meats and charcuterie
  -  Miniature beef Wellington
  -  Charcuterie skewers
  -  Duck breast bites
  -  Mini meat balls
- ✓ Cheese based amuse-bouche
  -  Goat cheese crostini
  -  Mini cheese balls
  -  Cheese and fruits pairing
  -  Fondue cups
- ✓ International amuse-bouche
  -  Japanese Suchi rolls
  -  Spanish Tapas
  -  Indian samosas
  -  Mexican street corn bites
- ✓ Sweet amuse-bouche
  -  Mini fruit tarts
  -  Chocolate mousses cups
  -  Miniature macarons
  -  Mini cheesecakes
- ✓ Creatives amuse bouche
  -  Edible flowers and microgreens
  -  Liquid filled bites
  -  Foams and mousses
  -  Spherified cocktails
- ✓ Themed amuse-bouche buffet
  -  Seasonal ingredients
  -  Color-coordinated buffet
- ✓ Fusion amuse-bouche
  -  Suchi taco bites
  -  Tandoori chicken skewers

 Ceviche tacos

- **Types of tableware and display techniques for presenting amuse-bouche**

- ✓ Mini plates and bowls

-  Mini porcelain plates

-  Mini glass bowls

-  Small ramekins

- ✓ Shot glasses and mini cups

-  Shot glasses

-  Mini cups

-  Small tumblers

- ✓ Spoons and forks

-  Mini spoons

-  Mini forks

- ✓ Tiered trays and stands

-  Tiered trays

-  Multi-tiered stands

-  Cake stands

- ✓ Glass Vessels

-  Glass domes

-  Test tubes or small vials

-  Glass cups or vases

- ✓ Wooden or slate boards

-  Wooden platters

-  Slate platters

-  Bamboo trays

- ✓ Individual containers or jars

-  Mini mason jars

-  Small glass jars or bottles

-  Mini Glass jars with lids

- ✓ Serving boards or platters

-  Rectangular or square platters

- ✚ Long wooden or marble boards
- ✚ Circular platters
- ✓ Ice and chilled displays
  - ✚ Ice blocks or trays
  - ✚ Ice bowls or trays
- ✓ Decorative and functional items
  - ✚ Leaf plates or natural elements
  - ✚ Miniature skewers and picks
- ✓ Display arrangement tips
  - ✚ Symmetry
  - ✚ Variety in height
  - ✚ Spacing



## Activity 2: Guided Practice



### Task 12:

#### Scenario2: Mastering Amuse-Bouche Presentation

The hotel organized a training session for the catering staff on how to set up seven courses buffet tableware and the facilitator asked you to facilitate the session on setting two types of amuse-bouche including soupe- based amuse-bouche such as gazpacho and cheese-based amuse-bouche. The expected outputs are the selection of the correct tableware and arranging the dishes to create an elegant, cohesive presentation that fits the event's theme.

1. Select and collect appropriate tableware's to use for these amuse-bouche
2. Guide the participants on how to display the mentioned amuse-bouche



### Activity 3: Application



#### Task 13:

##### Scenario 3: Maintaining Optimal Temperature when Serving Cold and Hot Amuse-Bouches at a Large Buffet"

An event organizer is hosting a large buffet, and the amuse-bouche includes cold items like chilled soups or seafood, as well as hot items like mini quiches. Keeping everything at the right temperature is a challenge. Some items risk becoming too warm or too cold, affecting taste and texture.

As an expert, choose appropriate tableware and arrange it correctly to avoid those issues mentioned above.

#### Topic 2.2: Displaying appetizers/starter buffet tableware.



Figure 6 Displaying appetizers/starter buffet tableware.



## Activity 1: Problem Solving



### Task 14:

#### Scenario 1: Choosing the Right Tableware

The hotel hosts a buffet with various appetizers, including a selection of salads both vegetarian and non-vegetarian and soups. However, the kitchen staff is unsure which tableware to use. The team must find a solution to display the soups effectively, ensuring the presentation is visually appealing and functional for guests.

1. What type of tableware would work best for serving those starters?
2. How can you arrange salads to make them more visually appealing?
3. What do you need to consider when choosing the type of tableware display for appetizers/starters.

#### KEY FACTS 2.2: Displaying appetizers/starter buffet tableware

- **Categories of appetizers and starters**

- ✓ Cold appetizers

-  Salad
-  Cold cuts/charcuterie
-  Cheese platters
-  Sea food
-  Canapés
-  Suchi and sashimi

- ✓ Hot appetizers

-  Mini quiches
-  Fried foods
-  Hot dips
-  Meat balls
-  Mini empanadas
-  Grilled skewers

- ✓ Finger food

-  Sliders

-  Stuffed mushrooms
-  Tacos or mini tacos
-  Sausage sausage rolls'
-  Pinwheels and wraps
-  Deviled eggs
- ✓ Sea food appetizers
  -  Shrimp cocktail
  -  Oysters
  -  Crab cakes
  -  Tuna tartare
  -  Smoked salmon
- ✓ Vegetarian appetizers
  -  Stuffed vegetables
  -  Vegetables springs rolls
  -  Bruschetta
  -  Hummus and pita
  -  Falafel
- ✓ Soup based starters
  -  Cold soups
  -  Hot soups
  -  Shooters
- ✓ Canapés
  -  Classic canapé
  -  Smoked fish canapé
- ✓ Dips and spreads
  -  Guacamole
  -  Tzatziki
  -  Bruschetta dip
  -  Pate
- ✓ Savoury pastries
  -  Mini croissants

-  Puff pastry bites
  -  Vol-au- vents
- ✓ International appetizers
  -  Samosa
  -  Empanadas
  -  Spring rolls
- **Types of buffet tableware for appetizers**
  - ✓ Plates and plates
    -  Large plates
    -  Individual plates
    -  Tiered platters
  - ✓ Bowls and dishes'
    -  Serving bowls
    -  Individual dishes
  - ✓ Chafing dishes and hot holders
    -  Chafing dishes
    -  Mini buffet servers
  - ✓ Serving trays and boards
    -  Wooden or slate boards
    -  Serving trays
- **Organizing the buffet table for visual appeal and functionality**
  - ✓ Zoning and lay out
    -  Food segmentation
    -  Height variation
    -  Clear labeling
  - ✓ Accessibility and flow
    -  Easy access
    -  Utensils and serving tools
  - ✓ Thematic décor and presentation
    -  Thematic tableware
    -  Garnishes and accessories

- ✓ Food and temperature considerations
  - ✚ Chilled appetizers
  - ✚ Hot appetizers
  - ✚ Portion control
- ✓ Cleaning and maintenance
  - ✚ Easy to clean tableware
  - ✚ Refilling station
- **Tips for displaying appetizers and starters**
  - ✓ Plates and platters
    - ✚ Use different sizes for large serving platters
    - ✚ Mini plates for individual portions
    - ✚ Tiered platters to maximize space and more organized lay out
  - ✓ Bowls and cups
    - ✚ Pair mini bowls with accompanying small spoons or cocktails for easy serving
    - ✚ Shot glasses and small cups for sophisticated touch
  - ✓ Serving trays
    - ✚ Wooden or slate boards for a neat appearance and easy clean up
    - ✚ Glass trays with slightly raised edges to prevent items from slipping off
  - ✓ Basket
    - ✚ Choose woven baskets for a rustic feel, or opt for metal or wire baskets for a more modern look
  - ✓ Ice display
    - ✚ If you are displaying sea food, use a shadow tray or platter with raised sides
  - ✓ Skewers and toothpicks
    - ✚ Arrange the skewers on a platter for easy access
    - ✚ For the toothpicks for finger foods, choose decorative toothpicks or cocktail sticks
  - ✓ Chafing dishes and food warmers
    - ✚ Ensure the chafing dishes are easy to access
    - ✚ Use serving utensils like tongs or ladies
    - ✚ For food warmers, use small electric food warmers.

- ✓ Risers and elevated displays
  - ✚ Stack risers in different shapes for elevated riser platforms
  - ✚ Glass pedestals to create an elegant, upscale vibe
- ✓ Label and signage
  - ✚ Use elegant and rustic signage i.e menu cards or labels
  - ✚ Creative name tags
- ✓ Table linens and décor
  - ✚ Tablecloths or runners
  - ✚ Decorative elements
- ✓ Serving utensils
  - ✚ Enough serving spoons, tongs and ladles
  - ✚ Small forks knives



## Activity 2: Guided Practice



### Task 15:

#### Scenario 2: Designing a Functional and Attractive Appetizer Display for a Rustic Outdoor Reception

You are responsible for designing the appetizers display for a rustic outdoor event reception with 150 guests. The appetizers include a mix of cold and hot items such as bruschetta, smoked salmon, mini caprese skewers, vegetables spring rolls, and charcuterie boards. The event is held in a large tent, and you have limited space to set up. The appetizers need to be visually appealing, stay fresh in the open air and ensure that guests can serve themselves efficiently while avoiding crowding.

Do the following:

1. Ensure the appetizers stay fresh in an outdoor environment
2. Prevent crowding and ensure easy access
3. Make the appetizers look appealing and cohesive with the event,



### Activity 3: Application



#### Task 16:

#### Scenario3: Embracing Fresh, Homemade Flavors for a Warm Wedding Reception

The country barn van venue is a hosting rustic-style wedding where the bride and groom want their appetizers to reflect organic, homely atmosphere of the venue.

The goal is to create a warm, inviting buffet-style to set up that highlight's fresh ingredients and homemade flavors. The couple wants to serve a variety of appetizers to encourage mingling among guests.

Required:

Display this tableware accordingly.

#### Topic 2.3: Pasta and related condiments & sauces



Figure 7Pasta and related condiments & sauces



## Activity 1: Problem Solving



### Task 17:

#### Scenario 1: Ensuring Freshness and Temperature Control: Best Practices for Serving Pasta and Condiments at a Corporate Lunch"

At a corporate lunch, pasta was served with a selection of hot sauces. However, the sauce was kept in open bowls without any warming method, leading to sauces cooling down quickly. Additionally, condiments like grated parmesan and fresh herbs were exposed to air, resulting in drying out and loss of freshness.

#### Questions:

1. What types of dishes could be used to keep the sauces warm?
2. What types of dishes could be used to manage the condiments?

#### Key Facts2.3. Pasta and related condiments & sauces

- **Pasta types to offer**

- ✓ Hot pasta
  - ✚ Spaghetti
  - ✚ Penne
  - ✚ Fettuccine
  - ✚ Rigatoni
  - ✚ Fusilli or rotini
  - ✚ Stuffed pasta
- ✓ Cold pasta dishes
  - ✚ Pasta salad

- **Tableware for pasta**

- ✓ Hot pasta display
  - ✚ Chafing dishes
  - ✚ Large serving platters or bowls
  - ✚ Pasta risers

- **Tableware for sauces**

- ✓ Hot sauces

- + Gravy boats or sauces dispensers



- + Chafing dishes for sauces

- ✓ Cold sauces

- + Clear glass jars or bowls



- + Chilled containers

- **Tableware for condiments and toppings**

- ✓ Small bowl or dishes

- + Grated parmesan
    - + Ricotta or fresh mozzarella
    - + Shredded pecorino romano

- ✓ Herbs stations

- + Fresh herbs
    - + Small spoons

- **Condiments and sauces for pasta**

- ✓ Key condiments for pasta display

- + Sauces
      - Tomato based sauces
      - Cream-based sauces
      - Pesto
      - bolognaise or meat sauces
      - vegan or dairy free sauces

- Light olive oil or garlic oil
- ✓ Condiments for topping
  - + Grated cheese
  - + Fresh herbs
  - + Crushed red pepper flakes or chili oil
  - + Cracked black pepper
  - + Nuts
  - + Olives or sun-dried tomatoes
- ✓ Serving methods of pasta and condiments
  - + Individual or self-service stations
  - + Pre-plated pasta
  - + Tongs and ladles
  - + Squeeze bottles or jar for sauces
- ✓ Temperature control
  - + Warmers
  - + Ice bowls for cold pasta dishes
  - + Serve pasta in small portions
- ✓ Visual appeals
  - + Layered display
  - + Use of colors
  - + Serving platters and containers
- ✓ Additional pasta condiments ideas
  - + Breadcrumbs
  - + Capers or anchovies
  - + Balsamic glaze or vinegar
- ✓ Sorbet categories and condiments tableware display
  - + Sorbet categories based on flavor profiles
    - Fruity sorbets
    - Herbs and floral sorbets
    - Exotic sorbets
    - Alcohol -infused sorbets

✓ Sorbet categories based on presentation styles

-  Scooped sorbet
-  Granita
-  Sorbet bars or pallets
-  Layered sorbets

✓ Condiments for sorbets

-  Sauces and syrups
  - Chocolate sauce
  - Berry coulis
  - Honey or agave syrup
  - Citrus syrup
  - Balsamic reduction
  - Mango or passion fruit syrup

✓ Garnishes

-  Fresh fruit
-  Fresh herbs
-  Edible flowers
-  Toasted nuts
-  Coconut flakes
-  Chocolate shavings or chips

✓ Textural additions

-  Crushed cookies or biscotti
-  Crystallized ginger or candied fruit
-  Crushed ice

✓ Types of sorbet tableware

-  Small glass bowls or cups
-  Dessert plates
-  Mini mason jars or glasses
-  Chilled glasses bowls or cups
-  Sundae glasses or tall tumblers

- ✓ Types of condiments tableware
  - + Small bowls or ramekins
  - + Squeeze bottles
  - + Glass jars or containers
  - + Decorative trays
  - + Tongs and small serving spoons
- ✓ Display set up
  - + Tiered dessert stand
  - + Chilled ice bowls or trays
  - + Mirrored or wooden platters
  - + Chilled domes



## Activity 2: Guided Practice

### Scenario 2: Optimizing Efficiency and Freshness: Addressing Challenges at a Large-Scale Pasta Buffet for a Charity Gala

A large charity gala dinner for 500 people featured a pasta buffet with 6 different types of pasta, 5 sauces and 4 types of condiments. The buffet was designed for guests to create their custom pasta dishes, but the following challenges were observed:

1. Given the scale of the event, the pasta and sauces quickly lost their freshness and warmth.
  2. There was also a lack of orderliness at the pasta station, leading to long lines and confusion as guests tried to assemble their pasta with various sauces toppings.
- As the chief cook, guide the staff on how to address those challenges observed.



### Activity 3: Application



#### Task 18:

##### **Scenario 3: Designing an Efficient and Fresh Pasta Buffet Setup for a Corporate Event"**

You are an event planner for a medium- sized corporate event, catering for 200 people. The menu will feature a pasta buffet with various types of pasta, sauces and condiments. Your task is to design the set up to ensure that the pasta remains fresh, sauce stay at the right temperature and condiments are well managed for guest convenient.

Do the following:

1. Display the pasta types to keep them at the right temperature and texture throughout the event
2. Choose the method to use to ensure that the sauces stay at the right temperature and texture.
3. Store properly the condiments to prevent them from drying out and remain fresh
4. Arrange pasta, sauces and condiments to ensure smooth flow for guest to minimise confusion.

## Topic 2.4: Displaying main course buffet tableware



# ADVANCED BUFFET SETUP IN FINE DINING RESTAURANT

*Figure 8* Displaying main course buffet tableware



## Activity 1: Problem Solving



### Task 19:

#### Scenario 1: Creating a Sophisticated and Functional Buffet for a Corporate Event with Diverse Dietary Needs"

A corporate event is being held for 200 employees, and the buffet is expected to cater to various tastes, including vegetarian and gluten-free options. The table needs to have a sophisticated look while being functional and accessible.

#### Questions for Discussion:

1. How should the buffet be organized to allow smooth flow and minimize waiting time?
2. What kind of tableware should be used for the main courses, and how should it be arranged to fit the theme of a corporate event?
3. What considerations should be taken when labeling dishes to accommodate dietary restrictions?

#### KEY FACTS 2. 4: Displaying main course buffet tableware

- **Introduction to Buffet Tableware**

- ✓ Purpose of Buffet Tableware:

- ✚ buffet tableware is designed to facilitate self-service while maintaining an appealing presentation.

- ✚ Emphasize the importance of a well-organized and visually inviting buffet for both guests and the event's overall success.

- **Elements of Buffet Tableware Setup**

- ✓ Plates and Serving Dishes

- ✚ Dinner Plates:

- They are the foundation of a buffet setup.
      - Typically large, sturdy, and white or neutral in color.
      - Position them at the start of the buffet line for guests to grab first.

✚ Serving Platters and Bowls:

- Large platters are for the main courses such as meats, pasta, and casseroles.
- Bowls are ideal for side dishes like salads, vegetables, and rice.
- Tip: Use risers to elevate certain dishes for visual appeal and easy access.

✓ Utensils:

✚ Serving Utensils:

- Tongs for meats or larger items.
- Serving spoons for side dishes and pasta.
- Ladles for soups and gravies.
- Carving Tools: If there's a carving station, ensure there are appropriate knives and forks for meats.

✓ Placement of Utensils:

✚ Arrange the serving utensils next to each dish. For neatness, use trays or designated utensil holders.

✚ Emphasize the importance of not mixing serving utensils from different dishes.

✓ Condiments and Sauces:

✚ Sauce Dishes:

- Use small dishes or gravy boats for sauces, gravies, or dressings.
- Ensure guests can serve themselves without having to reach too far.

✚ Condiment Trays:

- Include options such as pickles, mustard, or chutneys, depending on the menu.
- Display them in an organized manner with labels, if necessary.

✚ Glassware and Drinkware:

✓ Drink Station Setup:

✚ Place glasses and pitchers of water, tea, or other beverages at the beginning or end of the buffet line.

✚ Provide wine glasses or specialty glasses based on the event.

✓ Glass Placement:

- ✚ Glassware should be separated from the main course buffet table to avoid clutter.

- **Table Layout and Flow**

- ✓ Buffet Line Flow:

- ✚ Organization for Smooth Flow

- The ideal flow of a buffet line: Plates → Main courses → Sides → Condiments → Drinks.
      - Arrange food and tableware to encourage an efficient, organized movement for guests.
      - Tip: If there are multiple buffet tables, each should feature different categories (e.g., one for salads and appetizers, another for hot food).

- ✓ Thematic Arrangement:

- ✚ Visual Appeal:

- arrange food aesthetically on platters and in bowls to make the buffet table look inviting.
      - Use height variation (e.g., placing dishes on risers or stands) to create depth and interest.

- ✚ Balancing Colors:

- Use contrasting colors in food and tableware. For instance, a white plate with colorful vegetables or garnishes.
      - Keep the tablecloth or linen neutral to allow the food to stand out.

- **Hygiene and Practical Considerations**

- ✓ Hygiene Standards:

- ✚ Food Safety:

- keep hot foods hot (above 140°F) and cold foods cold (below 40°F).
      - Use chafing dishes for hot foods to maintain temperature.
      - Keep serving utensils clean and encourage guests to use proper utensils when serving.

- ✚ Napkins and Hand Hygiene:

- Proper napkin placement (either on plates or in accessible containers) to ensure guests can wipe their hands when necessary.

- Have hand sanitizers available at the beginning of the buffet line.
- **Guest Comfort and Accessibility:**
  - ✓ **Easy Access:**
    - ✚ Ensure the buffet is accessible for all guests, including those with disabilities. This includes providing ample space between dishes for comfortable access.
  - ✓ **Seating Arrangement:**
    - ✚ set up tables or chairs around the buffet area so guests can sit down comfortably after serving.
- **Presentation and Decoration**
  - ✓ **Centerpieces and Decor:**
    - ✚ **Theme-Based Decor:**
      - Add elegance through small floral arrangements or seasonal decor. Use low-profile centerpieces to avoid blocking the food view.
    - ✚ **Lighting:**
      - Highlight how lighting (whether natural or from candles) can set the mood and accentuate the food's appeal.
    - ✚ **Labeling:**
      - **Food Labels:**
        - Label food dishes properly , particularly if guests have dietary restrictions (e.g., vegetarian, gluten-free, etc.).
        - Labels should be clear, concise, and placed next to the respective dishes.
- **Troubleshooting & Best Practices**
  - ✓ **Common Mistakes:**
    - ✚ Potential issues, like overcrowding the buffet, using mismatched tableware, or poor food arrangement that impedes flow.
    - ✚ **Solutions:** Provide solutions, such as using separate tables for different types of food or adjusting serving utensil arrangements for easy reach.
  - ✓ **Best Practices:**
    - ✚ Emphasize setting up the buffet table well in advance.
    - ✚ Regularly check on the table to ensure that food stays replenished and that the table remains tidy.
    - ✚ Encourage creativity in both the food presentation and table setup.



## Activity 2: Guided Practice



### Task 20:

#### **Scenario 2: Practical Training on Main Course Buffet Tableware: Identifying and Correcting Food Safety Practices"**

You are a trainer in bright future TVET school in culinary art trades. The students have acquired knowledge on displaying buffet tableware, today you will teach them on how to practice the display of main course buffet tableware.

Create a mock buffet setup with some intentionally incorrect food safety practices (e.g., incorrect temperature control, cross-contamination risks).

Ask students to assess the buffet and identify potential hazards or mistakes. Then, have them provide solutions to improve the setup.



## Activity 3: Application



### Task 21:

#### **Scenario 3: Facilitating the Level 5 Culinary Practical Exam: Group Project on Buffet Setup and Presentation**

Rwanda TVET board is organizing practical exam nationwide in all trades for level 5 students. As an experienced trainer in culinary art, you have been appointed to facilitate the practical exam in one of the schools on buffet set up.

Group Project: Have students create their own buffet table setup with different courses (main course, sides, and condiments) and present it to the jury for assessment.

## Topic 2.5: Displaying dessert course and condiments



### Activity 1: Problem Solving



#### Task 22:

#### Scenario 1: "Practical Training on Dessert and Condiment Display: Pairing and Presentation Techniques for Luxury Hotel Service"

You are an in-company trainer in luxury Hotel and you have a group of interns. Today they have to practice the display of desserts and condiments tableware.

Students will select appropriate condiments for various dessert types and learn how to display them efficiently.

- **Instructions:**

- ✓ Provide a list of different dessert types (e.g., chocolate cake, fruit tart, ice cream sundae, crème brûlée) and a selection of condiments (e.g., chocolate sauce, caramel, whipped cream, berries, chopped nuts).
- ✓ Students must pair condiments with the appropriate desserts and decide on the most effective way to display them (e.g., serving in jars, bowls, squeeze bottles).
- ✓ Students should also consider the order of condiments, such as placing drizzles and sauces next to items that would benefit from them (e.g., ice cream sundaes or fruit tarts).
- ✓ After the exercise, students will explain their choices and how the condiments enhance or complement the desserts

#### Key facts 2.5: Displaying dessert course and condiments

- **Dessert Courses**

- ✓ Cakes and Pastries:

- ✚ Layer cakes,
- ✚ Cupcakes,
- ✚ Cheesecake,
- ✚ Tarts,
- ✚ Pastries.

✓ Puddings and Custards:

- + Chocolate pudding,
- + rice pudding,
- + crème brûlée,
- + panna cotta.
- + Ice Cream and Sorbets:
- + Ice cream,
- + Sorbet,
- + Frozen yogurt.

✓ Fruit-Based Desserts:

- + Fruit salads,
- + Fruit tarts,
- + Poached fruits.

✓ Chocolate-Based Desserts:

- + Chocolate mousse,
- + Chocolate cake,
- + Chocolate fondue.

✓ Novelty Desserts:

- + Chocolate fountain,
- + Fondue,
- + Candy stations.

• **Condiments for Desserts**

✓ Sauces:

- + Chocolate sauce,
- + Caramel sauce,
- + Berry coulis, Lemon curd,
- + Fruit syrups.

✓ Whipped Cream and Creams:

- + Whipped cream,
- + Mascarpone cream,
- + Pastry cream,

- + Clotted cream,

- + Yogurt.

- ✓ Fresh Fruits:

- + Berries,

- + Citrus fruits,

- + Tropical fruits,

- + Bananas.

- ✓ Nuts and Crunchy Toppings:

- + Chopped nuts,

- + Crushed cookies,

- + Granola.

- + Spices and Sugars:

- + Cinnamon,

- + Nutmeg,

- + Vanilla sugar,

- + Honey.

- ✓ Ice Cream Toppings:

- + Sprinkles,

- + Maraschino cherries,

- + Chopped candies.

- ✓ Syrups and Glazes:

- + Maple syrup,

- + honey syrup.

- **Tableware for Dessert Courses**

- ✓ Plates and Bowls

- + Dessert Plates:

- Small, elegant plates are perfect for serving individual desserts like slices of cake, pies, or tarts.

- Use white or neutral-colored plates to allow the desserts to stand out, or opt for plates with subtle designs to add an aesthetic touch.

- Tip: For a more elegant touch, consider using square plates for modern or sophisticated events or round plates for classic setups.

#### Small Bowls:

- For puddings, mousses, or fruit salads, small bowls or cups can be used. Glass cups or small ceramic bowls are both aesthetically pleasing and functional.
- For puddings and custards like crème brûlée or chocolate mousse, consider glass jars or small stemmed dessert cups for a chic look.

#### Ice Cream Bowls or Sundae Glasses:

- For ice cream or sorbet stations, use deep bowls or classic sundae glasses to allow guests to create their own ice cream sundaes with toppings.
- Tip: For extra elegance, offer footed glass bowls or individual glass parfait glasses.

### ✓ Serving Platters and Trays

#### Large Platters for Cakes and Pastries:

- Use round or rectangular serving platters to display whole cakes, pies, or pastry trays. Platters should be sturdy and able to hold multiple layers of desserts.
- Elevated platters (tiered stands) can also be used to display smaller desserts, like cupcakes or cookies, creating a layered visual effect and saving space.
- Tip: Clear glass or silver platters make desserts appear more elegant and showcase the dessert colors and textures.

#### Tiered Stands:

- Tiered dessert stands are especially helpful for displaying small desserts like tarts, éclairs, and mini pastries.
- They add height to the buffet table, creating a more dynamic and visually appealing display.

### ✓ Dessert Cutlery:

#### Small Spoons or Forks:

- Provide small spoons for items like mousse, panna cotta, and pudding. Dessert forks are also essential for items like cake and pie.

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ensure the spoons or forks are small, as dessert portions are typically smaller than main courses, and they should be easily manageable for guests.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Tongs or Scoops:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For desserts like cookies, brownies, or pastries, use tongs to ensure guests can grab items easily.</li> <li>○ Use scoops or ladles for items like ice cream or sorbet, ensuring that the serving process is clean and efficient.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                                                                      |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Glassware for Drinks and Sauces:</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Small Glasses for Sauces and Creams:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Offer small glasses or shot glasses to serve dessert sauces (like chocolate, caramel, or fruit coulis). This makes it easy for guests to pour or dip.</li> <li>○ Mini carafes or decanters can be used for serving sauces like whipped cream, chocolate, or caramel for drizzling.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Glasses for Drinks:</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ If offering dessert drinks (like coffee, dessert wines, or milkshakes), use stemmed glassware for elegance or tall glasses for milkshakes.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Mugs or small teacups can be used for serving coffee or hot chocolate, especially in cold weather.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Tableware for Condiments:</b></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Sauces and Syrups</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Clear Glass Jars or Bowls:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For sauces like chocolate, caramel, and fruit coulis, use small glass jars or bowls with easy-to-use pouring spouts or lids.</li> <li>○ Alternatively, use squeeze bottles for chocolate or caramel, as they allow guests to drizzle the sauce onto their dessert.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                           |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✚ Sauce Containers with Ladles:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For thicker sauces like custard, whipped cream, or fruit syrup, use small bowls with ladles. Ensure the ladles are of the right size to avoid over-pouring.</li> <li>○ Tip: Label each container to help guests easily identify the sauce and avoid confusion.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                            |

✓ Whipped Cream or Mousses:

 Whipped Cream Dispensers:

- Serve whipped cream in small glass bowls or whipped cream dispensers with a spoon or nozzle for easy dispensing.
- You can also offer a whipped cream station with a variety of flavors (vanilla, chocolate, cinnamon) for guests to choose from.

 Small Containers for Mousse or Yogurt:

- Offer mousse or yogurt toppings in small, attractive glass cups or clear bowls.
- These containers help highlight the texture and color of the mousse and make it easy for guests to scoop a portion.

✓ Fresh Fruits and Garnishes:

 Fruit Platters:

- Display fresh fruits like berries, bananas, citrus segments, and melon slices on elegant serving platters.
- Use small bowls for cut fruits (like strawberries or kiwi) or larger platters for full fruit displays.

 Nut Bowls:

- Use small bowls or glass containers for chopped nuts (e.g., almonds, hazelnuts, or pistachios) that can be sprinkled on top of desserts like ice cream or fruit tarts.

 Garnish Containers:

- Serve garnishes like chocolate shavings, cinnamon sticks, or mint leaves in small bowls or decorative containers. Ensure that the garnishes are neatly arranged to allow for easy access.

 Edible Flowers:

- Edible flowers can be placed in small vases or glass bowls for a decorative and fragrant addition to the dessert.

✓ Sprinkles, Chocolate Chips, and Candies:

 Clear Jars or Bowls:

- Offer a selection of sprinkles, chocolate chips, and candy bits in clear jars or small bowls. Label them clearly for easy identification.

- Tip: Group similar items together (e.g., all chocolate-related toppings in one area, fruity toppings in another).
- ✓ Spices and Sweeteners:
  - ✚ Sugar Bowls:
    - Offer small sugar bowls or sugar caddies with options like granulated sugar, brown sugar, or flavored sugars (e.g., cinnamon sugar).
  - ✚ Spice Containers:
    - Use small spice jars for cinnamon, nutmeg, or other spices that guests can sprinkle onto desserts like pies, cakes, or custards.
- **General Tips for Displaying Dessert Courses and Condiments**
  - ✓ Use Elegant, Uniform Tableware:
    - ✚ While variety is important, maintaining a cohesive look can help ensure the buffet feels refined and well-organized.
    - ✚ Choose tableware that complements your theme or the tone of the event (e.g., clear glass, elegant porcelain, or metallic elements).
  - ✓ Labelling:
    - ✚ Clearly label each dessert and condiment to avoid confusion.
    - ✚ Labels are especially important for guests with dietary restrictions (e.g., gluten-free, dairy-free).
    - ✚ Small, attractive name cards or tags next to each dessert or condiment work well.
  - ✓ Hygiene Considerations:
    - ✚ Provide clean tongs, spoons, or scoops for each condiment and dessert to ensure hygiene.
    - ✚ Consider using disposable gloves or disinfectant wipes for easy cleanup between servings.
  - ✓ Create Balance and Flow:
    - ✚ Make sure there's an easy flow for guests to access both desserts and condiments. Set up dessert stations so that guests can serve themselves without crowding.
    - ✚ Place the condiments in strategic locations (e.g., next to the ice cream or cake stations).



## Activity 2: Guided Practice



### Task 23:

#### **Task:2: Critiquing Dessert Table Setup: Analyzing Tableware, Presentation, and Accessibility for Effective Buffet Service"**

Students will critique a pre-arranged dessert table with a focus on tableware choices, presentation, and accessibility.

- **Instructions:**

- ✓ Set up a dessert table with a variety of desserts and condiments but intentionally place some items poorly (e.g., placing heavy items on delicate plates, putting condiments too far from the dessert).
- ✓ Have students walk around the display and note what works well and what could be improved. Ask them to assess:
  - ✚ The functionality of the tableware (e.g., is it practical for guests to serve themselves? Are the condiments easily accessible?).
  - ✚ The visual appeal of the table (e.g., does it look organized, balanced, and cohesive? Are there any cluttered areas?).
  - ✚ Hygiene and food safety (e.g., are there proper utensils for each item? Are the condiments covered or protected?).
    - Have students present their critiques and suggest improvements, reinforcing good practices for buffet presentation.



### Activity 3: Application



#### Task 24:

##### Scenario 3: Designing an Inclusive Dessert Buffet

A special event is being held for guests with specific dietary needs, including vegan, gluten-free, and nut-free guests. The dessert buffet must reflect these needs while maintaining a variety of delicious options.

The following are key considerations when displaying the dessert:

- The dessert table should feature vegan cakes, cookies, dairy-free ice cream, and fruit-based desserts, ensuring that no gluten or nuts are used in the preparation.
- Condiments should be clearly labeled for allergens and dietary preferences (e.g., "contains dairy," "gluten-free," "vegan").

As a staff in charge you are tasked to perform the following:

- ✓ Choose tableware that can clearly display labels and distinguish between dessert options (e.g., color-coded plates for vegan and non-vegan items).
- ✓ Set up condiments (e.g., vegan whipped cream, dairy-free chocolate sauce) in separate, clearly labeled bowls to avoid cross-contamination.
- ✓ Ensure proper hygiene practices and organization of condiments and desserts to prevent mix-ups.

## Topic 2.6. Displaying tea-coffee and petit fours tableware



Figure 9 Displaying tea-coffee and petit fours tableware



### Activity 1: Problem Solving



#### Task 25:

##### Scenario 1: Efficient and Elegant Tea & Coffee Service Setup: Maximizing Limited Space for a Small Group"

You are tasked with setting up a tea and coffee service for a group of 20 guests, but the venue has limited table space. You need to create an efficient, visually pleasing setup without overcrowding the table.

Issues:

1. The table is small and can only hold a few items at once.
2. You must display both tea and coffee along with an assortment of petit fours.
3. You need to make sure everything is easily accessible, considering the space constraints.

Provide solutions to those mentioned issues above

## Key facts 2.6: Displaying tea-coffee and petit fours table ways

- **Hot Drinks categories:**

- ✓ Tea-Based Hot Drinks

- ✚ Black Tea: A strong, fully oxidized tea, rich in flavor. Examples include Earl Grey, English Breakfast, Darjeeling.
- ✚ Green Tea: Unoxidized, lighter tea with a fresh flavor. Examples include Sencha, Matcha, Jasmine.
- ✚ Oolong Tea: A partially oxidized tea with a flavor profile between black and green tea. Examples include Tie Guan Yin, Wuyi.
- ✚ Herbal Tea: Non-tea blends made from herbs, flowers, or fruits. Examples include Chamomile, Peppermint, Rooibos.
- ✚ Chai: Spiced Indian tea made with black tea, milk, sugar, and a blend of spices like cinnamon, cardamom, and cloves.
- ✚ Matcha Latte: A creamy drink made with finely powdered green tea (matcha) and steamed milk.

- ✓ Coffee-Based Hot Drinks

- ✚ Espresso
- ✚ Americano
- ✚ Cappuccino
- ✚ Latte
- ✚ Macchiato

- **Petit Fours Secs (Dry Petit Fours):**

- ✓ Madeleines

- ✚ Small shell-shaped sponge cakes with a light texture.

- ✓ Biscotti:

- ✚ Twice-baked, crunchy cookies, often flavored with almonds or hazelnuts.

- ✓ Palmiers:

- ✚ Crispy, caramelized puff pastry in the shape of a palm leaf.

- ✓ Shortbread Cookies: Buttery and crumbly biscuits, often shaped into small rounds or fingers.

- **Sablé Cookies:**
  - ✓ French **buttery biscuits with a sandy texture.**
- **Petit Fours Glacés (Iced Petit Fours)**
  - ✓ Iced Fruit Cakes:
    - ✚ Small cakes covered in fondant or icing, often decorated with fruit.
  - ✓ Chocolate-Dipped Petit Fours:
    - ✚ Small sponge or fruit-based cakes dipped in chocolate or glazed with fondant.
  - ✓ Marzipan Petit Fours:
    - ✚ Petit fours made of marzipan, often shaped and decorated elaborately.
  - ✓ Miniature Tarts:
    - ✚ Small, sweet tarts topped with fruit or cream and glazed with fondant.
  - ✓ Petit Fours with Fondant Icing:
    - ✚ Bite-sized cakes covered with a smooth layer of fondant icing.
- **Petit Fours Salés (Savory Petit Fours):**
  - ✓ Mini Quiches:
    - ✚ Tiny, savory tartlets filled with eggs, cheese, and vegetables or meats.
  - ✓ Canapés:
    - ✚ Small, open-faced sandwiches, often topped with smoked salmon, pâté, or cheese.
  - ✓ Mini Scones:
    - ✚ Savory scones made with cheese, herbs, or bacon, often served with a dollop of cream or butter.
  - ✓ Mini Pâtés:
    - ✚ Small pastry cups filled with a savory filling like pâté, foie gras, or mousse.
  - ✓ Cheese Bites:
    - ✚ Small, savory pastries made with cheese, often puff pastry-based.
- **Fruit-Based Petit Fours:**
  - ✓ Fruit Tartlets:
    - ✚ Mini tarts filled with pastry cream and topped with fresh fruit, often glazed.
  - ✓ Fruit Jelly Petit Fours:
    - ✚ Small cakes or pastries filled with fruit jelly or compote.

✓ Mini Fruit Cakes:

✚ Fruit-filled sponge cakes often decorated and glazed.

• **Chocolate Petit Fours:**

✓ Chocolate Truffles:

✚ Rich chocolate ganache balls, sometimes coated in cocoa powder or chopped nuts.

✓ Chocolate-Dipped Cake:

✚ Small pieces of cake or sponge dipped in chocolate.

✓ Chocolate Mousse Petit Fours:

✚ Small cups or shapes filled with smooth chocolate mousse.

• **Cream-Filled Petit Fours**

✓ Mini Éclairs:

✚ Choux pastry filled with cream and often topped with chocolate icing.

✓ Mini Profiteroles:

✚ Similar to éclairs but often filled with whipped cream or pastry cream.

✓ Miniature Cream Puffs:

✚ Bite-sized puffs filled with sweet, whipped cream, custard, or flavored creams.

• **Tea Display tableware essential items:**

✓ Teapot:

✚ Placement: Centered on the table or at each guest's place. It can be placed on a tray if serving multiple people.

✚ Tip: If using a large teapot, ensure it has enough capacity for multiple servings.

✓ Tea Cups and Saucers:

✚ Placement: Arrange the cups and saucers neatly in front of each seat.

✚ Tip: If it's a more casual tea, stack the cups and saucers on a tray for easy access.

✓ Sugar Bowl:

✚ Placement: Near the teapot, or within easy reach of guests, ideally positioned centrally for everyone to access.

- ✚ Tip: Include a small spoon for serving the sugar.
- ✓ Milk Jug (Creamer):
  - ✚ Placement: Next to the sugar bowl, near the teapot.
  - ✚ Tip: If serving milk or cream, ensure it's kept chilled until serving, especially for longer events.
- ✓ Tea Strainer:
  - ✚ Placement: If serving loose-leaf tea, place the strainer next to the teapot or allow guests to use it when pouring their tea.
  - ✚ Tip: Place the strainer over the cup to catch the loose tea leaves when serving.
- ✓ Petit Fours:
  - ✚ Placement: Use small dessert plates or a separate tray for petit fours. These should be placed on a side table or close to the teacups.
  - ✚ Tip: Arrange the petit fours in a visually appealing way—either neatly on a plate or in an elegant, tiered display.
- ✓ Linen Napkins:
  - ✚ Placement: Fold and place the napkins next to each teacup, or under the dessert plate.
  - ✚ Tip: For a more formal setting, fold the napkins in neat squares or roll them and secure with a napkin ring.
- **Coffee Tableware Display essential Items:**
  - ✓ Coffee Pot (or French Press):
    - ✚ Placement: Positioned in the center of the table or within easy reach of guests.
    - ✚ Tip: Ensure the coffee pot is large enough for the number of guests and that it's filled just before serving.
  - ✓ Coffee Cups and Saucers:
    - ✚ Placement: Place the coffee cups and saucers at each guest's setting, either to the right or left of the plate (depending on cultural norms).
    - ✚ Tip: For more formal settings, arrange the cups and saucers symmetrically, either in front of the guest or stacked neatly in the center.

- ✓ Sugar Bowl:
  - ✚ Placement: Near the coffee pot or at each guest's place for easy access.
  - ✚ Tip: If sugar cubes are used, include tongs or a small spoon for guests to serve themselves.
- ✓ Milk Jug (Creamer):
  - ✚ Placement: Similar to the sugar bowl, the milk jug should be positioned close to the coffee pot or at each individual setting.
  - ✚ Tip: For a more luxurious feel, offer different types of milk (whole, skim, oat) in separate jugs.
- ✓ Coffee Spoon:
  - ✚ Placement: Place the coffee spoon on the saucer next to the coffee cup.
  - ✚ Tip: For a more elegant touch, use small, decorative spoons.
- ✓ Petit Fours or Desserts:
  - ✚ Placement: Near the coffee cups, either on small dessert plates or arranged neatly on a serving tray.
  - ✚ Tip: You can serve small treats like cookies, cakes, or chocolate truffles alongside the coffee. Arrange them in a tiered dessert stand for added elegance.
- ✓ Linen Napkins:
  - ✚ Placement: Place a folded napkin beside the coffee cup or under the dessert plate.
  - ✚ Tip: Keep the napkins clean and neat to match the formal tone of the coffee service.
- **Petit Fours Tableware Display essential items:**
  - ✓ Petit Four Plates:
    - ✚ Placement: Place a small plate in front of each guest for petit fours, or use a larger serving plate or tray for a more casual setting.
    - ✚ Tip: For a formal tea or coffee service, ensure the plates are the appropriate size to hold a few small treats.

✓ **Serving Tray:**

✚ Placement: If you're serving multiple people, use a decorative serving tray for the petit fours. A tiered cake stand is a popular choice for displaying an assortment of petite treats.

✚ Tip: Arrange the petit fours symmetrically or artfully to create a visually pleasing display.

✓ **Tongs or Small Forks:**

✚ Placement: Provide a small pair of tongs or forks for guests to serve themselves.

✚ Tip: Place the tongs or forks next to the tray or dessert plates, so guests can easily access them when taking a treat.

✓ **Teacups and Coffee Cups:**

✚ Placement: As petit fours are typically served with tea or coffee, ensure the cups are arranged nearby.

✚ Tip: Create a cohesive table setting by using matching or complementary tableware for both the drinks and treats.

• **Displaying the Entire Setup:**

✓ **Table Arrangement:**

✚ If hosting a formal event, set the table with a tablecloth or placemats, ensuring there's enough space for the teapot, coffee pot, cups, and accompanying items like sugar bowls and milk jugs.

✚ Use elegant serving trays for easier access to petit fours and other treats. Tiered cake stands are perfect for petit fours, allowing for multiple layers of small cakes, tarts, and pastries.

✓ **Serving Style:**

✚ For formal service, consider using a serving tray to bring the items to the table, ensuring the display remains neat and organized.

✚ For informal settings, placing items directly on the table might be more casual and inviting. Create a centralized display for the teapot, coffee pot, milk, sugar, and petit fours, allowing guests to help themselves.

✓ Visual Appeal:

- ✚ Flowers: Add a vase with fresh flowers as a centerpiece for a touch of elegance.
- ✚ Candlelight: Use candles or soft lighting to enhance the atmosphere.
- ✚ Linen: Use fine table linens or cloth napkins to complement the delicate nature of the tea, coffee, and petit fours setting.

• **Final Tips:**

✓ Symmetry:

- ✚ Whether formal or casual, ensure that the tableware is arranged symmetrically for a balanced look.

✓ Accessibility:

- ✚ Keep essential items like the sugar bowl, milk jug, and petit fours within easy reach of everyone.

✓ Warmth:

- ✚ Ensure that tea and coffee remain warm by serving from insulated



## Activity 2: Guided Practice



### Task 26:

You are working as a head steward in a one five-star hotel in Kigali and today you have to set up a formal afternoon tea with appropriate tea, coffee, and petit four tableware for 8 guests. The afternoon tea will be held at a hotel banquet room. Your task is to set the table to serve tea and coffee with accompanying petit fours. The room has a large round table with a white linen tablecloth. The setting should be formal and elegant. Below is the additional information to guide you:

Tableware List: Teapot (1 large), Coffee pot (1 large), Tea cups with saucers (8), Coffee cups with saucers (8), Sugar bowls (2), Milk jugs (2), Petit fours (a variety of mini pastries), Serving trays (for petit fours), Small tongs or dessert forks (for petit fours), Linen napkins (8), Tea strainer (optional)



### Activity 3: Application



#### Task 27:

##### **Scenario 3: Creating a Refined Afternoon Tea Experience: Upscale Tableware and Elegant Presentation for 12 Guests"**

You are the event planner for a hotel hosting an afternoon tea service. Prepare a professional, upscale tableware display for a hotel's afternoon tea service for 12 guests

The table should be set in a refined, formal manner, complete with elegant tableware. The setting should be upscale, elegant, and meticulously organized and let guests feel a sense of luxury and sophistication as they enjoy their tea, coffee, and petit fours.



### Formative Assessment

- 1. Which of the following is the most important factor when selecting tableware for displaying amuse bouche?**
  - a. Color of the plate
  - b. Size and shape of the plate to highlight the small portions
  - c. Price of the tableware
  - d. The number of plates available
- 2. When displaying amuse bouche on a buffet table, what should be the general focus of the tableware arrangement?**
  - a. To create a symmetrical design
  - b. To ensure that all items are easily accessible and visually appealing
  - c. To ensure the food does not touch the tableware
  - d. To match the tableware to the color scheme of the venue
- 3. What type of tableware is most used for serving amuse bouche?**
  - a. Large, formal plates
  - b. Small, elegant plates or spoons

- c. Plastic cups
  - d. Large bowls
4. **True or false** The choice of tableware for appetizers should complement the style and theme of the event or meal.
  5. **True or False:** When arranging appetizer tableware, it's important to ensure that each piece is easily accessible to guests without crowding the table.
  6. **True or false:** The choice of tableware for pasta should complement the type of pasta being served, such as deep bowls for saucy dishes and shallow plates for pasta served dry.
  7. **True or False:** Condiments like olive oil, balsamic vinegar, or pesto should be served in individual, labeled containers to avoid confusion.
  8. **True or False:** It is appropriate to serve sauces in large, open containers to allow guests to pour directly over their pasta.
  9. **True or False:** The size of the tableware for pasta dishes should be chosen based on the portion size and the amount of sauce or condiments being served.
  10. **What are some factors to consider when selecting tableware for main courses at a buffet?**
  11. **When presenting multiple main courses on a buffet, how should the tableware be arranged?**
    - a. By placing all the dishes on a single platter to minimize space.
    - b. By organizing dishes in a visually appealing way, ensuring easy access for guests.
    - c. By grouping dishes with similar flavors together in one section.
    - d. By placing the dishes in the order in which they will be served.
  12. **True or False:** Individual plates are the best choice for serving main courses on a buffet to allow guests to choose the size of their portions.
  13. **True or False:** When arranging main courses, it is essential to leave enough space between dishes so guests can easily serve themselves without overcrowding.
  14. **True or False:** Tableware for main courses should focus mainly on the visual appeal of the dish rather than the functionality or ease of use.
  15. **How should condiments like whipped cream, fruit compote, or chocolate syrup be served on a dessert table?**
    - a. In large, open containers for guests to scoop from
    - b. In small, individual bowls or containers
    - c. Directly on the dessert

d. In large pitchers

**16. For sauces or dips that accompany desserts (like caramel or chocolate sauce), which of the following is an ideal serving vessel?**

- a. Large bowls with high sides
- b. Small glass jars or individual pitchers
- c. Small cups or shot glasses
- d. Small plates with high rims

**17. True or False: For a formal buffet, desserts should be served in large, buffet-style trays to allow guests to serve themselves.**

**18. True or False: Condiments like syrups and toppings should be served in small, individual containers to maintain a clean and organized presentation.**

**For an elegant coffee and tea display, which of the following should be used?**

- a. Simple, utilitarian mugs
- b. Fine porcelain teacups and coffee cups with matching saucers
- c. Large coffee cups with no saucers
- d. Disposable cups and plates

**19. What is an appropriate way to display petit fours on a buffet table?**

- a. Piled on large trays with no arrangement
- b. Neatly arranged in rows on small, elegant trays or plates
- c. Served in individual cups
- d. On large platters with heavy garnishes

**Answer:** b) Neatly arranged in rows on small, elegant trays or plates

**20. True or False: Tea and coffee should be displayed in elegant teapots and coffee pots, which can be placed centrally on the buffet table for easy access.**

**21. True or False: Petit fours should be served in small, dainty portions that reflect their delicate nature, so they are best displayed on small, fine plates or trays.**

**22. True or False: When displaying tea and coffee tableware, it's best to keep the presentation simple and functional, rather than focusing on elegance and refinement.**



## Points to Remember

- Ensure visually appealing and consistent presentation.
- Select appropriate tableware and utensils for functionality.
- Maintain portion control and easy accessibility for guests.
- Keep food at the correct temperature for safety and freshness.
- Pair items thoughtfully and ensure a cohesive theme.
- Add creative garnishes and decorative touches to enhance the display.



## Self-Reflection

1. Read the statements across the top. Put a check in a column that best represents your level of knowledge, skills and attitudes.

| My experience                                             | I don't have any experience doing this. | I know a little about this. | I have some experience doing this. | I have a lot of experience with this. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Knowledge, skills and attitudes                           |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Differentiate categories of amuse- bouche                 |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Respect food safety and portion control                   |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Enhance the guest dining experience with aesthetic appeal |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Identify appropriate tableware for different dishes       |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Describe different types of tableware display techniques  |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |

| My experience                                                                      | I don't have any experience doing this. | I know a little about this. | I have some experience doing this. | I have a lot of experience with this. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Knowledge, skills and attitudes                                                    |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| for presenting amuse-bouche                                                        |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Apply tips when displaying tableware for amuse bouche                              |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Display different tableware for amuse bouche                                       |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Comply with safety and hygiene measures when displaying tableware for amuse-bouche |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Differentiate categories of appetizers and starters                                |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Describe types of Buffet tableware for appetizers and starters                     |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Organize the buffet table for visual appeal and functionality                      |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Apply tips for displaying appetizers and starters                                  |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Select pasta types to offer                                                        |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Display tableware for pasta                                                        |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |

| My experience                                                    | I don't have any experience doing this. | I know a little about this. | I have some experience doing this. | I have a lot of experience with this. |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Knowledge, skills and attitudes                                  |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Display tableware for sauces                                     |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Display tableware for condiments and toppings                    |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Apply serving methods of pasta and condiments                    |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Differentiate sorbet categories and condiments tableware display |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Describe key elements of Buffet Tableware Setup                  |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Select appropriate Serving Utensils for main course buffet       |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Identify sauces dishes                                           |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Respect table Layout and Flow                                    |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Comply with hygiene and practical Considerations                 |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Respect Guest Comfort and Accessibility                          |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Present and Decorate main buffet tableware                       |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |

| My experience                                                       | I don't have any experience doing this. | I know a little about this. | I have some experience doing this. | I have a lot of experience with this. |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Knowledge, skills and attitudes                                     |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Select dessert and its condiments courses                           |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Display tableware for dessert courses                               |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Apply general tips for displaying dessert courses and Condiments    |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Differentiate hot drinks from cold drinks                           |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Describe petit-fours categories                                     |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Select utensils for displaying tea-coffee and petit fours tableware |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |
| Display tea- coffee and petit fours tableware                       |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |

## UNIT 3: PERFORM BUFFET POST-SETTING ACTIVITIES



### Unit summary

This unit provides you with the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to check the buffet set up standards, monitor buffet display and adjust the buffet set up as per standard.

### Self-Assessment: Unit 3

1. Referring to the unit above illustration, discuss the following:
  - a. What does the illustration show?
  - b. What topics do you think will be covered in the unit base on the illustration?
2. Fill in and complete the self-assessment table below to assess your level of knowledge, skills and attitudes under this unit.
3. There is no right or wrong way to answer this assessment. It is for your own reference and self-reflection on the knowledge, skills and attitudes acquisition during the learning process.
4. Think about yourself; do you think you have the knowledge, skills or attitudes to do the task? How well?
5. Read the statements across the top, put a check-in a column that best represents your level of knowledge, skills and attitudes.

At the end of this unit, you will assess yourself again

| My experience                                                   | I don't                         | I know               | I have                      | I have a lot             | I am                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Knowledge, skills and attitudes                                 | have any experience doing this. | a little about this. | some experience doing this. | of experience with this. | confident in my ability to do this. |
| Direct, guide, and coordinate staff to ensure optimal service   |                                 |                      |                             |                          |                                     |
| Enhance the atmosphere to ensure a positive guest experience.   |                                 |                      |                             |                          |                                     |
| Identify key components of a buffet set up evaluation checklist |                                 |                      |                             |                          |                                     |

| My experience<br>Knowledge, skills<br>and attitudes                      | I don't<br>have any<br>experience<br>doing this. | I know<br>a little<br>about<br>this. | I have<br>some<br>experience<br>doing this. | I have a lot<br>of<br>experience<br>with this. | I am<br>confident in<br>my ability to<br>do this. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                          |                                                  |                                      |                                             |                                                |                                                   |
| Identify dietary needs and preferences                                   |                                                  |                                      |                                             |                                                |                                                   |
| Evaluate the buffet set up using the standard checklist                  |                                                  |                                      |                                             |                                                |                                                   |
| Identify key items to consider when adjusting the buffet table set up    |                                                  |                                      |                                             |                                                |                                                   |
| Adjust buffet table setup according to restaurant design and event needs |                                                  |                                      |                                             |                                                |                                                   |
| Monitor the buffet set up to ensure quality and quantity                 |                                                  |                                      |                                             |                                                |                                                   |
| maintain Visual Appeal and Presentation                                  |                                                  |                                      |                                             |                                                |                                                   |
| Describe buffet monitoring activities                                    |                                                  |                                      |                                             |                                                |                                                   |
| Maintain temperature and Freshness                                       |                                                  |                                      |                                             |                                                |                                                   |



## Key Competencies

| Skills                                                             | Knowledge                                                                   | Attitudes                                                                        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Identify key components of a buffet set up evaluation checklist | 1. Evaluate the buffet set up using the standard checklist                  | 1. To maintain Visual Appeal and Presentation                                    |
| 2. Identify dietary needs and preferences                          | 2. Adjust buffet table setup according to restaurant design and event needs | 2. Ensure food quality, freshness, attractive presentation                       |
| 3. Describe buffet monitoring activities                           | 3. Monitor the buffet set up to ensure quality and quantity                 | 3. Comply with food safety regulations, hygiene practices, and allergen labeling |



## Discovery activity



### Task 29:

Using your experience, read and answer the following questions:

1. What are the key components of a buffet table set up evaluation checklist?
2. What is the process for adjusting a buffet table set up?
3. Describe buffet monitoring activities

### Topic3.1: Monitoring of buffet display



Figure 10 Monitoring of buffet display



## Activity 1: Problem Solving



### Task 30:

#### Scenario 1: Designing an Elegant and Functional Buffet for a High-Profile Corporate Gala

A luxury hotel is hosting a high-profile corporate gala event with a buffet featuring multiple cuisines. The buffet will be open for several hours, and over 500 guests are expected. The client requests an elegant yet functional buffet setup, ensuring that the food remains at the correct temperature and that the tableware does not detract from the overall decor. You are hired to monitor the buffet set up.

#### Questions:

1. What are key elements to consider when monitoring the buffet tableware display?
2. What could be done to ensure that the buffet maintained its visual appeal and functionality throughout the event?
3. How could the monitoring process be improved for future events?

#### Key facts 3.3: Monitoring of buffet display

- **Buffet evaluation checklist**
  - ✓ Food quality
    - ✚ Taste
    - ✚ Temperature
    - ✚ Freshness
    - ✚ Variety
    - ✚ Portion size
    - ✚ Presentation
  - ✓ Menu variety and special considerations
    - ✚ Cuisine options
    - ✚ Dietary needs
    - ✚ Balance
    - ✚ Seasonal or local ingredients
  - ✓ Service Quality
    - ✚ Staff attractiveness

- ✚ Refill time
- ✚ Cleanliness
- ✚ Wait time
- ✓ Atmosphere
  - ✚ Ambiance
  - ✚ Noise level
  - ✚ Seating
  - ✚ Décor
- ✓ Organization and Set up
  - ✚ Flow of the buffet
  - ✚ Signals and /labels
  - ✚ Cleanliness of buffet station
  - ✚ Beverage
- ✓ Value of money
  - ✚ Pricing
  - ✚ Portion Vs Price
  - ✚ Additional charge
- ✓ Health and safety
  - ✚ Hygiene
  - ✚ Food safety
  - ✚ Allergen information
- ✓ Overall experience
  - ✚ Guest satisfaction
  - ✚ Repeat business
  - ✚ uniqueness
- ✓ Adjusting buffet table set up
  - ✚ Table Arrangement and Flow
  - ✚ Proper Equipment and Tools
  - ✚ Space and Flow Considerations
  - ✚ Adaptation for Special Needs

- ✓ Attractive buffet presentation design process
  - + Visual Appeal and Theming
  - + Food Styling and Arrangement
  - + Balancing Aesthetic with Functionality
  - + Lighting and Ambiance
- ✓ Restaurant design
  - + Layout and Floor Plan
  - + Ambiance and Décor
  - + Functionality and Traffic Flow
  - + Customer Experience Considerations
- ✓ Special event buffet set up
  - + Types of events
  - + Considerations
- **Buffet set up standards**
  - ✓ Food Quality and Safety
    - + Temperature Control
    - + Hygiene and Cleanliness
    - + Refilling and Rotation
    - + Visual Appeal and Presentation
  - ✓ Visual Appeal and Presentation
    - + Aesthetic Consistency Buffet monitoring activities
    - + Food Waste and Overcrowding Proper Arrangement
    - + Table Arrangement
- **Buffet monitoring activities**
  - ✓ Food Safety and Hygiene Monitoring
    - + Temperature Control
    - + Cleanliness and Sanitization
  - ✓ Visual Presentation and Guest Experience
    - + Aesthetic Consistency
    - + Guest Flow and Service



## Activity 2: Guided Practice



### Task 31:

#### **Scenario 2: Evaluating Guest Experience: Enhancing Atmosphere and Efficiency at a Themed Buffet for a Corporate Event"**

A fine dining restaurant hosts a themed buffet for a corporate event. The buffet is organized with a variety of dishes from different cuisines, and the staff ensures that all dietary needs are considered. However, some guests are commenting on the long waiting times to be seated and the noise level in the dining area. A head waiter needs to evaluate the overall atmosphere and set up to meet guest expectations.

#### **Questions:**

1. Create a checklist to be used by the waiters while monitoring the buffet set up
2. Guide the waiters for the proper monitoring of the buffet set up



## Activity 3: Application



### Task 32:

#### **Scenario 3: Managing a Smooth and Efficient Buffet for a Mid-Sized Event.**

You are tasked with monitoring a buffet during a mid-sized event (approximately 50-75 guests). The buffet features multiple sections: appetizers, main courses, salads, desserts, and tea/coffee. Your responsibilities include ensuring that the tableware is clean, organized, on how to keep the buffet clean and ensure the lines move smoothly and replenished, and that food is served at the correct temperature.

## Topic 3.2: Adjusting buffet table set up



Figure 11 Adjusting buffet table set up



### Activity 1: Problem Solving



#### Task 33:

##### Scenario 1: Revamping the Grand Buffet Experience

At a luxury resort's grand buffet, the buffet table setup is causing frustration among guests. The dishes are not organized well, which is leading to traffic jams around the food area. The buffet lacks a visual appeal and coordination of colors. The management team decides to rearrange the items in a more accessible flow, with items grouped by categories, ensuring ease of access. They also plan to add aesthetic touches with garnishing, decorations, and coordinated colors for visual appeal. **Questions:**

1. How can the arrangement of the buffet items be organized to improve accessibility for guests?

2. What changes can be made to enhance the aesthetic appeal of the buffet setup?
3. How would you ensure a smooth flow of traffic and prevent crowding around the buffet?

### Key facts 3.2: Adjusting buffet table set up

- **Key considerations**

- ✓ Understand the nature of the event
  - + casual,
  - + formal,
  - + corporate,
  - + wedding.
- ✓ Discuss how the buffet's aesthetics
  - + tableware,
  - + linens,
  - + presentation
- ✓ Consider the number of guests and their preferences
  - + dietary restrictions,
  - + children,
  - + or elderly guests

- **Tableware Setup and Adjustments:**

- ✓ Initial Tableware Placement:
  - + **Plates:** Plates should be positioned where guests can easily access them, either at the beginning of the buffet line or at the beginning of each food section.
  - + **Cutlery:** Place cutlery in convenient locations for guests to pick up easily. Depending on the buffet style, this may be with the plates or at specific points where they are needed (e.g., next to the salads or desserts).
  - + **Glassware:** If drinks are self-served, make sure glasses are placed near beverages or at the start of the line.

- **Adjustments During the Event:**
  - ✓ Replenishing Plates and Cutlery:
    - ✚ Ensure that plates, utensils, and glassware are replaced as needed throughout the event to avoid shortages or clutter.
  - ✓ Rearranging for Flow:
    - ✚ Adjust the arrangement of plates, cutlery, and other tableware if there are bottlenecks or areas of congestion.
- **Food Section and Flow Adjustments:**
  - ✓ Dividing the Buffet into Sections:
    - ✚ Hot and Cold Foods: Maintain clear divisions between hot and cold foods to preserve their quality (e.g., salads, cold appetizers in one area and hot dishes like pasta or roasted meats in another).
    - ✚ Drinks and Condiments: Place drinks (e.g., tea, coffee, water, wine) in a separate section, ideally at the end of the buffet to avoid traffic jams.
  - ✓ Adjusting for Guest Flow:
    - ✚ Flow Management: Regularly assess guest movement around the buffet. If guests are lingering too long at one section (e.g., the salad bar), consider moving some items around or increasing staff assistance.
    - ✚ Repositioning Trays: Reposition trays or platters that are running low, or move them closer to the serving area to facilitate easier access.
    - ✚ Using Risers or Tiered Displays: Add height to your buffet setup with risers, especially for appetizers or desserts, to ensure visibility and accessibility, especially when dishes are running low.
    - ✚ Temperature and Freshness Maintenance:
  - ✓ Hot Food Monitoring:
    - ✚ Ensure that hot foods remain at the correct temperature by regularly checking chafing dishes, warming trays, or using heat lamps. If items begin to cool down, adjust the heating methods or replace them with fresh servings.
    - ✚ If food is running low in chafing dishes, consider replenishing it more quickly to maintain the food's temperature and presentation.

✓ Cold Food Adjustments:

- ✚ For cold items (e.g., salads, sushi, cold cuts), ensure they stay at the right temperature by checking ice trays or refrigeration systems. If food begins to warm up or wilt, refresh the ice or remove the dishes for brief cooling periods.

✚ Aesthetic Adjustments:

✓ Maintaining Visual Appeal:

- ✚ Keep an eye on the visual presentation throughout the event. If certain parts of the buffet begin to look cluttered, make adjustments to enhance the aesthetics, such as repositioning food or removing empty trays to prevent a disorganized look.

✓ Enhance the Display:

- ✚ Use garnishes, fresh herbs, or flowers to maintain a fresh, appealing look. Replace any wilted garnishes and adjust as necessary for consistency.

✓ Rebalancing Tableware:

- ✚ If the buffet tableware is getting messy or overcrowded, remove used trays or plates promptly, or organize them better to keep the space clean.
- ✚ Make sure serving utensils are clean and readily available for every dish. If serving utensils are dropped or misplaced, quickly replace them.

• **Guest Accessibility and Convenience:**

✓ Ensure Accessibility:

- ✚ Tables should be set up in a way that allows easy access for all guests, including those with mobility challenges (e.g., placing food at accessible heights or ensuring there is enough space around the buffet for wheelchairs).

✓ Repositioning Tables for Flow:

- ✚ If the buffet table is not being accessed smoothly, rearrange the food or serving stations to encourage easy movement and ensure guests aren't clustered around one area.
- ✚ Ensure that each section of the buffet has ample space for guests to move around comfortably without bumping into each other.

#### Replenishment and Restocking Procedures:

##### ✓ Scheduled Monitoring:

-  Set a schedule for tableware and food replenishment, especially if the event runs for several hours. Regular checks are necessary to prevent shortages, especially for popular items like appetizers, main courses, and desserts.

##### ✓ Emergency Adjustments:

-  Be prepared to react quickly if any dish runs low, if a food item is overrun, or if there is any spill or breakage. Keep extra stock of tableware and food in a nearby location to ensure quick replenishment.

##### ✓ Assigning Staff for Monitoring:

-  Assign specific staff to monitor individual sections of the buffet. Staff should keep an eye on the tableware, food, and guest behavior, making sure to make adjustments as needed in real time.

#### • **Post-Event Adjustments and Cleanup:**

##### ✓ Tidy Up:

-  After the event, make final adjustments to ensure the tableware is organized for cleanup. Remove empty trays and discard or store leftover food appropriately.

##### ✓ Inspect Tableware for Cleaning:

-  Check the tableware for any issues like stains or damage, and make sure it's properly cleaned for future use. Adjust the layout of the tableware for easy collection and ensure that all serving pieces are accounted for.



## Activity 2: Guided Practice



### Task 34:

#### Scenario:2: Optimizing Buffet Flow in a Live Event"

During a live event, guests are forming a long line at the appetizer station, causing congestion. Meanwhile, the salad and bread sections are almost empty. You are tasked with adjusting the buffet layout to improve flow and guest experience.

#### Instructions:

1. Observe the guest flow as they approach the buffet.
2. Identify the sections where there are bottlenecks or overcrowding.
3. Move or reposition items from the less popular salad and bread sections to help balance the crowd.
4. Consider adding more plates or serving utensils in crowded areas.
5. Reassess after a few minutes to see if your adjustments have improved the flow.



## Activity 3: Application



### Task 35:

#### Scenario 3: Improving Guest Flow at a Wedding Buffet

At a wedding buffet with 200 guests, the line at the appetizer station has become very long, causing congestion and delays. The salad and bread stations, however, are relatively empty. You need to adjust the setup to improve the flow of guests and reduce the waiting time at the appetizer station, without depleting the other sections.



## Formative Assessment

1. What are the key factors to check when ensuring the buffet layout is efficient for guest flow and accessibility?
2. How should food items be arranged on the buffet table to prevent cross-contamination?
3. What should you check to ensure that the buffet table is positioned correctly for guest access and safety?
4. How do you ensure there is enough space between different food stations for easy movement?
5. When evaluating food quality at a buffet, which of the following would NOT be part of the standard checklist?
  - a. Freshness
  - b. Temperature
  - c. Portion size
  - d. Staff appearance

Choose the Correct Answer:

6. What hygiene standards should be checked before the buffet opens to ensure cleanliness and safety?
7. How can you check that the buffet table, serving dishes, and surrounding areas are clean and free from debris?
8. What steps should you take to ensure there are no signs of contamination or pests in the buffet area?



## Points to Remember

- Ensure a smooth traffic flow and that guests can easily access food and drinks without crowding or congestion.
- Always maintain high hygiene standards, especially with buffet setups, by monitoring cleanliness of the area and ensuring food safety practices.
- Focus on maintaining the quality, taste, and presentation of food by monitoring
- Adjusting a buffet setup requires attention to detail and a thorough understanding of the flow, guest needs, and presentation.



1. Read the statements across the top. Put a check in a column that best represents your level of knowledge, skills and attitudes.

| My experience                                                         | I don't have any experience doing this. | I know a little about this. | I have some experience doing this. | I have a lot of experience with this. | I am confident in my ability to do this. |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Knowledge, skills and attitudes                                       |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Direct, guide, and coordinate staff to ensure optimal service         |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Enhance the atmosphere to ensure a positive guest experience.         |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Identify key components of a buffet set up evaluation checklist       |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Identify dietary needs and preferences                                |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Evaluate the buffet set up using the standard checklist               |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Identify key items to consider when adjusting the buffet table set up |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |

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| Knowledge, skills and attitudes                                          |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Adjust buffet table setup according to restaurant design and event needs |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Monitor the buffet set up to ensure quality and quantity                 |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| maintain Visual Appeal and Presentation                                  |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| Describe buffet monitoring activities                                    |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |
| maintain temperature and Freshness                                       |                                         |                             |                                    |                                       |                                          |

2. Fill in the table above and share results with the trainer for further guidance.

| Areas of strength | Areas for improvement | Actions to be taken to improve |
|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1.                | 1.                    | 1.                             |
| 2.                | 2.                    | 2.                             |
| 3.                | 3.                    | 3.                             |



## Summative assessment

Read the situation provided below and perform the tasks

### Integrated situation

TB Hotel is a five-star hotel located in Kigali City. It is planning to enhance its restaurant buffet offering as remarkable service to the guests. However, the hotel faces several challenges, including inconsistent buffet layouts, inadequate food variety, poor guest experience, and inefficient buffet management. You have been hired as an expert in buffet set up to plan and execute an advanced restaurant buffet setup over four days to address these issues. The hotel areas to be focused on for improvement are:

- Buffet Setup and Layout
- Food Plating and Presentation
- Dining Area and Guest Experience
- Buffet Management and Staff Coordination

### Resources

|                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Tools</b>                      | Meat thermometer, weighing scale, ladle, measuring spoons, measuring cups, computer, calculator, serving spoon, measuring jugs, measuring tots, labeling tools, outlets trademarks, inserts, glasses |
| <b>Equipment</b>                  | Saw knife, cocktail shakers, automated coffee machines                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Materials/<br/>Consumables</b> | Printed storage, kitchen and restaurant checklist, gloves, pens, property management software.                                                                                                       |

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