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Soccer World Cup fans struggle with tipping culture

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260702-tipping-world-cup.html>

Football supporters attending the World Cup are struggling with the tipping culture in the USA, Canada, and Mexico. Many fans come from countries where service charges are included in the price at restaurants and in taxis. However, in the World Cup host nations, tips of up to 20 per cent are expected. If restaurant diners do not leave a tip, the staff can be disappointed. Travelling fans say their budgets are being stretched. They have already spent a lot of money on going to the World Cup. They add that leaving tips makes already expensive food even costlier. Some fans have complained about "tipping fatigue". This is because they are being asked to leave a tip even when buying a bottle of water.

Restaurant staff in the US, Mexico and Canada are also struggling. Tips make up most of their wages. Workers at restaurants in the US can earn as little as \$2.13 per hour. They rely on diners to tip. Without tips, staff may not earn enough money to live on. A lot of staff say it is impossible to survive in the hospitality sector without tips. In many host cities, restaurants have automatically added tips to their bills. Restaurant owners say the problem is that many international visitors are unaware of the tipping custom. Some restaurants have asked staff to politely explain the reasons for tipping in North America.

Sources: <https://www.kansascity.com/opinion/article316235100.html>
<https://nypost.com/2026/06/20/us-news/world-cup-tourists-arent-leaving-tips-and-nyc-restaurants-are-fighting-back/>
<https://www.msn.com/en-gb/news/insight/world-cup-fans-voice-frustration-over-us-tipping-culture/gm-GMF63F5E51>

WARM-UPS

1. TIPPING CULTURE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about tipping. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

football / football fans / tipping / service charges / restaurants / taxis / diners / staff / wages / survive / money / the hospitality sector / international visitors / custom

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. TIPPING: Students A **strongly** believe we should all tip; Students B **strongly** believe we shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CULTURE DIFFERENCES: How are these things different across the world? What are they like in your country? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Global Differences	Your Country
Tipping		
Greetings		
Personal space		
Punctuality		
Queuing		
Eating		

5. FAN: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "fan". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. TIP: Rank these with your partner. Put the people who most deserve a tip at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Waiters
- Police officers
- Nurses
- Shop assistants
- Refuse collectors
- Teachers
- Presidents
- Chefs

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. supporter | a. Thought to be necessary or likely to happen. |
| 2. attending | b. A feeling of being very, very, very tired. |
| 3. included | c. A person who likes and helps a person, team, or group. |
| 4. expected | d. Put in as part of something. |
| 5. diners | e. Going to and being at an event or place. |
| 6. complained | f. People who eat at a restaurant. |
| 7. fatigue | g. Said that something was not good or caused a problem. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. struggling | h. Money that a person earns/gets for their work. |
| 9. wages | i. To need or trust someone or something to help you. |
| 10. rely on | j. Not knowing about something. |
| 11. hospitality | k. Having difficulty doing something. |
| 12. sector | l. A usual way of doing something in a family, place or culture. |
| 13. unaware | m. A part of an area of work or business. |
| 14. custom | n. The work of looking after people in hotels, restaurants, or similar places. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260702-tipping-world-cup.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says football supporters are refusing to leave tips. **T / F**
2. In the USA, people leave tips of up to 20 per cent of their bill. **T / F**
3. The article says staff are angry if diners do not leave a tip. **T / F**
4. Some supporters said they are experiencing "tipping fatigue". **T / F**
5. In the USA, some workers get paid restaurant \$2.13 an hour. **T / F**
6. Many people say it's difficult to survive on restaurant wages. **T / F**
7. Restaurant owners said international visitors know all about tipping. **T / F**
8. Restaurant staff have been explaining tipping to diners. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. supporters | a. pay |
| 2. culture | b. be paid |
| 3. included | c. strained |
| 4. stretched | d. customs |
| 5. fatigue | e. employees |
| 6. wages | f. fans |
| 7. earn | g. entertainment |
| 8. hospitality | h. tiredness |
| 9. bills | i. added |
| 10. staff | j. checks |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Football supporters | a. are being stretched |
| 2. service charges are included | b. on diners to tip |
| 3. tips of up to 20 per cent | c. tips to their bills |
| 4. fans say their budgets | d. are expected |
| 5. fans have complained about | e. attending the World Cup |
| 6. Tips make | f. sector without tips |
| 7. They rely | g. "tipping fatigue" |
| 8. impossible to survive in the hospitality | h. for tipping |
| 9. restaurants have automatically added | i. in the price |
| 10. politely explain the reasons | j. up most of their wages |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260702-tipping-world-cup.html>

Football supporters attending the World Cup are (1) _____ with the tipping culture in the USA, Canada, and Mexico. Many fans come from countries where (2) _____ charges are included in the price at restaurants and in taxis. However, in the World Cup (3) _____ nations, tips of up to 20 per cent are (4) _____. If restaurant diners do not leave a tip, the staff can be disappointed. Travelling fans say their (5) _____ are being stretched. They have already spent a lot of money on going to the World Cup. They add that (6) _____ tips makes already expensive food even (7) _____. Some fans have complained about "tipping (8) _____". This is because they are being asked to leave a tip even when buying a bottle of water.

expected
costlier
service
struggling
fatigue
budgets
host
leaving

Restaurant (9) _____ in the US, Mexico and Canada are also struggling. Tips make up most of their (10) _____. Workers at restaurants in the US can earn as little as \$2.13 per hour. They rely on (11) _____ to tip. Without tips, staff may not earn enough money to (12) _____ on. A lot of staff say it is impossible to survive in the hospitality (13) _____ without tips. In many host cities, restaurants have automatically added tips to their (14) _____. Restaurant owners say the problem is that many international visitors are (15) _____ of the tipping custom. Some restaurants have asked staff to politely explain the (16) _____ for tipping in North America.

bills
diners
staff
reasons
wages
unaware
sector
live

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260702-tipping-world-cup.html>

- 1) Many fans come from countries where service charges are included _____
 - a. in the priced
 - b. in the pricey
 - c. in the price
 - d. in the priceless
- 2) Travelling fans say their budgets _____
 - a. are being stretchered
 - b. are being stretches
 - c. are being stretched
 - d. are being stretch
- 3) They add that leaving tips makes already expensive _____
 - a. food ever costlier
 - b. food even costlier
 - c. food evenly costlier
 - d. food even costly
- 4) Some fans have complained _____
 - a. about tipping fatigued
 - b. about tipping fatigues
 - c. about tipping fatigue
 - d. about stopping fatigue
- 5) This is because they are being asked to _____
 - a. believe a tip
 - b. leaf a tip
 - c. leave a tip
 - d. sleeve a tip
- 6) Tips make up most _____
 - a. of their wages
 - b. of them wages
 - c. of they wages
 - d. of those wages
- 7) Workers at restaurants in the US can _____
 - a. earn as little
 - b. yearn as little
 - c. learn as little
 - d. urn as little
- 8) Without tips, staff may not earn enough money _____
 - a. to live on
 - b. to live in
 - c. to live up
 - d. to live over
- 9) Restaurant owners say the problem is that many international _____
 - a. visitors are unaware
 - b. visitors are aware
 - c. visitors are awry
 - d. visitors are awareness
- 10) Some restaurants have asked staff to politely explain the _____
 - a. reasons at tipping
 - b. reasons to tipping
 - c. reasons for tipping
 - d. reasons as tipping

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Football (1) _____ World Cup are struggling with the tipping culture in the USA, Canada, and Mexico. Many (2) _____ countries where service charges are included in the price at restaurants and in taxis. However, in the World Cup host nations, (3) _____ to 20 per cent are expected. If restaurant diners do not leave a tip, the staff can be disappointed. Travelling fans say their budgets (4) _____. They have already spent a lot of money on going to the World Cup. They add that leaving tips makes already expensive (5) _____. Some fans have complained about "tipping fatigue". This is because they are being (6) _____ a tip even when buying a bottle of water.

Restaurant staff in the US, Mexico and Canada are also struggling. Tips make up most (7) _____. Workers at restaurants in the US can (8) _____ as \$2.13 per hour. They (9) _____ to tip. Without tips, staff may not earn enough money to live on. A lot of staff say it is impossible (10) _____ the hospitality sector without tips. In many host cities, restaurants have automatically added tips to their bills. Restaurant owners say the problem is that many international visitors are (11) _____ tipping custom. Some restaurants have asked staff (12) _____ the reasons for tipping in North America.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260702-tipping-world-cup.html>

1. In many countries, what are service charges part of?
2. How much of a tip might restaurant workers in the USA expect?
3. How might staff feel if they don't get a tip?
4. What have some fans complained about?
5. What are fans not so happy about leaving a tip for?
6. What makes up most of the wages of restaurant workers in the USA?
7. Who do restaurant workers rely on for money?
8. What does the article say is impossible to survive in without tips?
9. What have some restaurants automatically added to their bills?
10. Who is explaining about tipping to international visitors?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260702-tipping-world-cup.html>

- 1) In many countries, what are service charges part of?
 - a) the experience
 - b) the price
 - c) taxes
 - d) the menu
- 2) How much of a tip might restaurant workers in the USA expect?
 - a) 15%
 - b) 10%
 - c) 25%
 - d) 20%
- 3) How might staff feel if they don't get a tip?
 - a) worried
 - b) angry
 - c) disappointed
 - d) confused
- 4) What have some fans complained about?
 - a) tipping fatigue
 - b) their team losing
 - c) red cards
 - d) transport costs
- 5) What are fans not so happy about leaving a tip for?
 - a) using a public toilet
 - b) buying bottles of water
 - c) buying a football scarf
 - d) going to a fast food restaurant
- 6) What makes up most of the wages of restaurant workers in the USA?
 - a) tips
 - b) overtime
 - c) the hourly rate
 - d) the government
- 7) Who do restaurant workers rely on for money?
 - a) the government
 - b) family
 - c) diners
 - d) restaurant owners
- 8) What does the article say is impossible to survive in without tips?
 - a) the hospitality sector
 - b) the world
 - c) 2026
 - d) cities
- 9) What have some restaurants automatically added to their bills?
 - a) QR codes
 - b) advice
 - c) explanations
 - d) tips
- 10) Who is explaining about tipping to international visitors?
 - a) the government
 - b) immigration officials
 - c) restaurant staff
 - d) police officers

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260702-tipping-world-cup.html>

Role A – Waiters

You think waiters are most deserving of tips. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their people. Also, tell the others who are the least deserving of these (and why): police officers, teachers or presidents.

Role B – Police Officers

You think police officers are most deserving of tips. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their people. Also, tell the others who are the least deserving of these (and why): waiters, teachers or presidents.

Role C – Teachers

You think teachers are most deserving of tips. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their people. Also, tell the others who are the least deserving of these (and why): police officers, waiters or presidents.

Role D – Presidents

You think presidents are most deserving of tips. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their people. Also, tell the others who are the least deserving of these (and why): police officers, teachers or waiters.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260702-tipping-world-cup.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'tipping' and 'culture'.

tipping	culture
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• supporters• included• expected• diners• budgets• fatigue	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• wages• little• rely• automatically• unaware• reasons
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TIPPING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about tipping in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

TIPPING DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'tipping'?
3. What do you think of the World Cup?
4. What do you think of tipping?
5. Is 20 per cent the right amount to tip?
6. Is no tip OK if the service is bad?
7. Should teachers be tipped?
8. Should overseas visitors not have to tip?
9. What do you think of 'tipping fatigue'?
10. Should people tip when buying a bottle of water?

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TIPPING DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'service'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Should the World Cup be in just one host country?
15. What is the tipping culture in your country?
16. Why is the hourly wage in restaurants so low in the US?
17. What do you think of working in restaurants?
18. Are you a big tipper?
19. Should restaurants pay staff more so that tipping is unnecessary?
20. What questions would you like to ask a US restaurant owner?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Restaurant staff in the US, Mexico and Canada are also struggling. Tips make (7) _____ most of their wages. Workers at restaurants in the US can earn as little as \$2.13 per hour. They rely on (8) _____ to tip. Without tips, staff may not earn enough money to live (9) _____. A lot of staff say it is impossible to survive in the hospitality sector without tips. In many host cities, restaurants have automatically added tips to their (10) _____. Restaurant owners say the problem is that many international visitors are (11) _____ of the tipping custom. Some restaurants have asked staff to (12) _____ explain the reasons for tipping in North America.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) serve | (b) service | (c) server | (d) serves |
| 2. | (a) ghost | (b) host | (c) haste | (d) hot |
| 3. | (a) expects | (b) expect | (c) expecting | (d) expected |
| 4. | (a) gadgets | (b) budgets | (c) widgets | (d) fidgets |
| 5. | (a) costing | (b) making | (c) asking | (d) leaving |
| 6. | (a) exhausted | (b) tired | (c) fatigue | (d) weary |
| 7. | (a) up | (b) on | (c) over | (d) down |
| 8. | (a) dinners | (b) dines | (c) diners | (d) dins |
| 9. | (a) at | (b) in | (c) up | (d) on |
| 10. | (a) bills | (b) beaks | (c) receipts | (d) demands |
| 11. | (a) unaware | (b) awareness | (c) aware | (d) awry |
| 12. | (a) politely | (b) politeness | (c) polite | (d) political |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. football poptreruss attending the World Cup
2. service acgrhse are included in the price
3. at ttrerasasnu and in taxis
4. tips of up to 20 per cent are tdpeexce
5. fans say their ugstdbe are being stretched
6. fans have complained about tipping tfgeaiu

Paragraph 2

7. Tips make up most of their egwsa
8. rnae as little as \$2.13 per hour
9. They rely on erdisn to tip
10. impossible to ireusv in the hospitality sector
11. earnawu of the tipping custom
12. eotllpyi explain the reasons

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260702-tipping-world-cup.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () asked staff to politely explain the reasons for tipping in North America.
- () being stretched. They have already spent a lot of money on going to the World Cup. They add that leaving
- () diners to tip. Without tips, staff may not earn enough money to live on. A lot of staff say it is impossible to
- () expected. If restaurant diners do not leave a tip, the staff can be disappointed. Travelling fans say their budgets are
- () fatigue". This is because they are being asked to leave a tip even when buying a bottle of water.
- (**1**) Football supporters attending the World Cup are struggling with the tipping culture
- () in the USA, Canada, and Mexico. Many fans come from countries where service charges are included in the
- () price at restaurants and in taxis. However, in the World Cup host nations, tips of up to 20 per cent are
- () Restaurant staff in the US, Mexico and Canada are also struggling. Tips make up most of their
- () survive in the hospitality sector without tips. In many host cities, restaurants have automatically added tips
- () tips makes already expensive food even costlier. Some fans have complained about "tipping
- () to their bills. Restaurant owners say the problem is that many international
- () visitors are unaware of the tipping custom. Some restaurants have
- () wages. Workers at restaurants in the US can earn as little as \$2.13 per hour. They rely on

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. are charges come countries Fans from included service where .
2. are being budgets fans say stretched their Travelling .
3. already costlier even expensive food Leaving makes tips .
4. about complained fans fatigue have Some "tipping" .
5. a are asked being leave They tip to .
6. make most of their Tips up wages .
7. earn enough live may money not Staff to .
8. hospitality impossible in It's sector survive the to .
9. added automatically bills have Restaurants their tips to .
10. are custom International of the tipping unaware visitors .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260702-tipping-world-cup.html>

Football supporters *attendance / attending* the World Cup are struggling with the tipping culture in the USA, Canada, and Mexico. Many fans come from countries where service charges are *include / included* in the price at restaurants and in taxis. However, in the World Cup *host / hosts* nations, tips of up to 20 per cent are expected. If restaurant *dinners / diners* do not leave a tip, the staff can *have / be* disappointed. Travelling fans say their *budgets / budget* are being stretched. They have already spent a lot of money *on / at* going to the World Cup. They add *that / what* leaving tips makes already expensive food even costlier. Some fans have complained about "tipping fatigue". This is because they are being asked *for / to* leave a tip *even / ever* when buying a bottle of water.

Restaurant staff in the US, Mexico and Canada are also struggling. Tips make *down / up* most of their wages. Workers at restaurants in the US can earn as *little / few* as \$2.13 per hour. They rely *in / on* diners to tip. Without tips, staff may not *learn / earn* enough money to *living / live* on. A lot of staff say it is impossible to survive in the *hospitality / hospital* sector without tips. In many *host / ghost* cities, restaurants have automatically added tips to *them / their* bills. Restaurant owners say the problem is that many international visitors are *unaware / aware* of the tipping custom. Some restaurants have asked staff to *polite / politely* explain the reasons for tipping in North America.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260702-tipping-world-cup.html>

F__tb__ll s__pp__rt__rs __tt__nd__ng th__ W__rld C__p __r__
str__ggl__ng w__th th__ t__pp__ng c__lt__r__ __n th__ __S__,
C__nd__ __nd M__x__c__. M__ny f__ns c__m__ fr__m c__ntr__s
wh__r__ s__rv__c__ ch__rg__s __r__ __ncl__d__d __n th__ pr__c__ __t
r__st__r__nts __nd __n t__x__s. H__w__v__r, __n th__ W__rld C__p
h__st n__t__ns, t__ps __f __p t__ 20 p__r c__nt __r__ __xp__ct__d.
__f r__st__r__nt d__n__rs d__ n__t l__v__ __ t__p, th__ st__ff c__n
b__ d__s__pp__nt__d. Tr__v__ll__ng f__ns s__y th__r b__dg__ts
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c__stl__r. S__m__ f__ns h__v__ c__mpl__n__d __b__t "t__pp__ng
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l__v__ __ t__p __v__n wh__n b__y__ng __ b__ttl__ __f w__t__r.

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s__rv__v__ __n th__ h__sp__t__l__ty s__ct__r w__th__t t__ps. __n
m__ny h__st c__t__s, r__st__r__nts h__v__ __t__m__t__c__lly
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2607/260702-tipping-world-cup.html>

football supporters attending the world cup are struggling with the tipping culture in the usa canada and mexico many fans come from countries where service charges are included in the price at restaurants and in taxis however in the world cup host nations tips of up to 20 per cent are expected if restaurant diners do not leave a tip the staff can be disappointed travelling fans say their budgets are being stretched they have already spent a lot of money on going to the world cup they add that leaving tips makes already expensive food even costlier some fans have complained about tipping fatigue this is because they are being asked to leave a tip even when buying a bottle of water

restaurant staff in the us mexico and canada are also struggling tips make up most of their wages workers at restaurants in the us can earn as little as 213 per hour they rely on diners to tip without tips staff may not earn enough money to live on a lot of staff say it is impossible to survive in the hospitality sector without tips in many host cities restaurants have automatically added tips to their bills restaurant owners say the problem is that many international visitors are unaware of the tipping custom some restaurants have asked staff to politely explain the reasons for tipping in north america

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Football supporters attending the World Cup are struggling with the tipping culture in the USA, Canada, and Mexico. Many fans come from countries where service charges are included in the price at restaurants and taxis. However, in the World Cup host nations, tips of up to 20 percent are expected. If restaurant diners do not leave a tip, the staff can be disappointed. Travelling fans say their budgets are being stretched. They have already spent a lot of money on going to the World Cup. They add that leaving tips makes already expensive food even costlier. Some fans have complained about "tipping fatigue". This is because they are being asked to leave a tip even when buying a bottle of water. Restaurant staff in the US, Mexico and Canada are also struggling. Tips make up most of their wages. Workers at restaurants in the US can earn as little as \$2.13 per hour. They rely on diner tips. Without tips, staff may not earn enough money to live on. A lot of staff say it is impossible to survive in the hospitality sector without tips. In many host cities, restaurants have automatically added tips to their bills. Restaurant owners say the problem is that many international visitors are unaware of the tipping custom. Some restaurants have asked staff to politely explain the reasons for tipping in North America.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. TIPPING: Make a poster about tipping. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. TIPS: Write a magazine article about giving tips to teachers, police officers and nurses. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on tipping. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on tipping. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. e 3. d 4. a 5. f 6. g 7. b
8. k 9. h 10. i 11. n 12. m 13. j 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 T 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. d	3. i	4. c	5. h
6. a	7. b	8. g	9. j	10. e

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- The price
- 20%
- Disappointed
- Tipping fatigue
- Buying bottles of water
- Tips
- Diners
- The hospitality sector
- Tips
- Restaurant staff

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Fans come from countries where service charges are included.
- Travelling fans say their budgets are being stretched.
- Leaving tips makes already expensive food even costlier.
- Some fans have complained about "tipping fatigue".
- They are being asked to leave a tip.
- Tips make up most of their wages.
- Staff may not earn enough money to live.
- It's impossible to survive in the hospitality sector.
- Restaurants have automatically added tips to their bills.
- International visitors are unaware of the tipping custom.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)