

## Lesson 5

## READ THIS STORY #2, Advanced

**Suave Sam**

Sam was trying to appear suave during dinner at the restaurant. He was unaccustomed to dining in such an elegant place and felt very ill at ease. He would not have been here at all except for the privilege of witnessing his brother-in-law's induction into the "Select Society of Super Chefs."

All of Sam's efforts to appear urbane did not save him from catastrophe. When Sam asked the waiter to bring catsup to season his salmon, the other diners at the table tittered and stared in disbelief. The waiter glared at him with disdain. Sam realized at once that he had committed a social blunder. True gourmets would have sprinkled dill or lemon on their fish.

Sam desperately searched for an escape from his embarrassment. Mr. Gray leaned in his direction and said in a confidential tone, but with a loud voice, "It's been years since I heard of someone using catsup with salmon. I recall that when the great Chief Red Featherduster dined with Mrs. Roosevelt at the White House, both salmon and catsup were on the menu."

What Mr. Gray didn't reveal was that the catsup at that meal was for French fried potatoes. Instead, he just smiled at Sam, and the dinner conversation resumed.