

Technical Description of the spoon

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Definition

A **spoon** is a common and versatile utensil nowadays, its primary use is to put food in your mouth. Some spoons are utilized in food preparation to measure and stir different kinds of ingredients, and they are also used for serving food. Today, spoons are made from metal as flat silver or plated or solid, wood, or plastic. There are a lot of types of spoons that are made of a different material and for many uses and foods. (Wikipedia,2022)

History of the spoon



Figure 2. Spoons. (n.d.). Retrieved March 9, 2022.

The history of the spoon is really curious. Currently, we see it normal to see this object on a table, but you should know that over time, it has not always been like this.

The spoon was invented in prehistory, specifically, in the Neolithic period. As you can imagine, it is impossible to know exactly which person invented it, or group, or population.

Probably the first spoons in history were carved from bone, horn or wood. If we do not consider the shells, which do not have a handle, and did not have a rounded or elongated

shape, but being a craft tool, it could have any aspect as long as it contained the liquid from the plate to the mouth without it being lost. The remains of these have been found in Neolithic sites.

The spoon was invented in prehistory 20,000 years ago. At least as it is understood in the modern sense, with a wide mouth like a bowl with a long and pointed handle.

History of the spoon in Ancient Egypt



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Despite the fact that Neolithic spoons from twenty thousand years ago have been found in archaeological sites, it was in Ancient Egypt that their use became widespread. Spoons of ivory, stone, wood and even gold have been found in funerary trousseaus in Egyptian tombs, showing that that civilization gave great importance to this object.

Small works of art were created in the making of those ancient Egyptian spoons. The handles served as a support for sculpting small sculptures, as shown by some specimens found in Thebes with the figure of the goddess Isis, among other deities.

From this point on, the ingenious invention of the spoon became popular and spread throughout the world. In the same way, each civilization or town was adding improvements for greater effectiveness and comfort.

Spoon Evolution

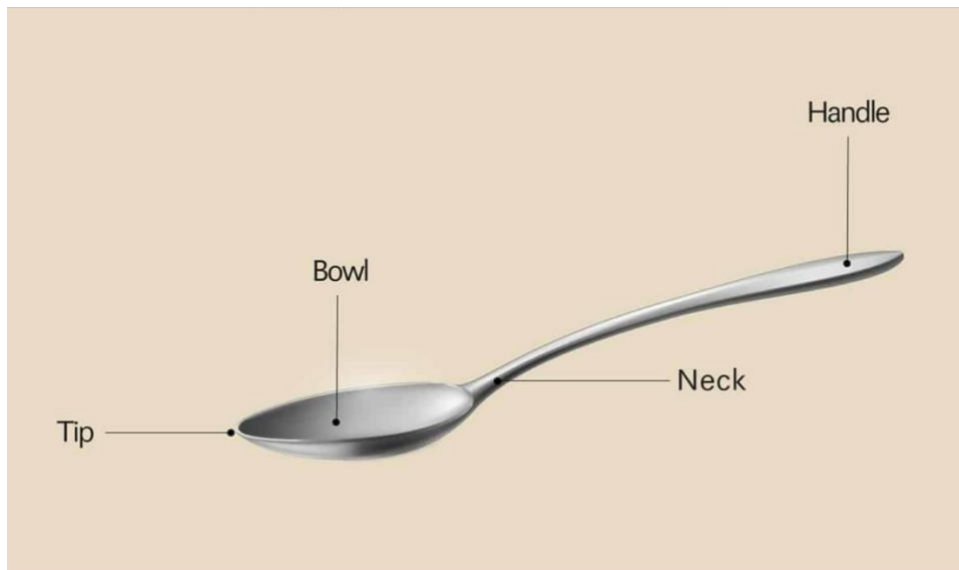
In the 12th century, the first manuals of good manners appear, courtesy in French, which recommends washing your hands before picking up food with your fingers.

Until the thirteenth century, the use of the spoon was recommended, instead of drinking directly from the bowl.

In Germany spoons were made of porcelain, in Russia of translucent enamels of different colors or glass, and Chinese made them of ivory. And the first mention of the spoon is made in England until the year 1259, but in the court of Edward I in 1300 gold and silver are already used.

During the 16th century, and from the French court of the Valois, the term own cutlery, which marks the social norms of all Europe and the whole world.

Part of the spoon



Bowl or Head: It composes of two parts; one is the concave part where the food is place.

And the other is the back part of the spoon, which is the outer curve of the bowl. This part of the spoon comes in different sizes and shapes depending on the purpose which spoon should be used, for example soup spoons usually have a head or bowl in a medium size, the serving spoon has a large bowl and teaspoon has a tiny head or bowl. (Steve, 2021)

Tip: It is the curve part at the end of the bowl or head. The tip also has different shape depending on the type of spoon, dessert spoon is a great case in point since it has a head a little longer and a bit pointed compared to a regular spoon. (Steve, 2021)

Neck: It is the part that attach the bowl or head with the handle. (Steve, 2021)

Handle: The handle is connected with the same material to the head or bowl. I t is the part of a spoon that you hold when cooking or eating, and in the present day, every spoon must have a handle with a length ranging from five to seven inches. But the sizes also could depend on the type of spoons. An example of a spoon with a long handle is the beverage spoon. This type of spoon has a handle with a length of seven to ten inches. (Steve, 2021)

Conclusion

The spoon is a tool that is mostly used to eat, serve and cook. This tool arose from the need to hold food, and this culinary utensil, invented in prehistory, has gone through many changes over the years. The spoon has different part and different way to use it, thus depending on its parts sizes and shape is its use.

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