

1. ['hɒvstɪs] *n*

1. хозяйка дома (по отношению к гостю)  
good hostess - гостеприимная хозяйка  
hostess cart - тележка-столик, сервировочный столик, столик на колёсиках (для подачи угощения)  
hostess gown - длинное нарядное домашнее платье (для приёма гостей)
2. хозяйка гостиницы или постоялого двора; трактирщица
3. 1) сотрудница, встречающая и усаживающая посетителей (в ресторане и т. п.) или размещающая прибывших (в гостинице)  
2) дежурная по этажу (в гостинице)  
3) бортпроводница стюардесса (самолёта)  
4) старшая официантка  
5) *воен. уст.* заведующая клубом, столовой, общежитием и т. п.
4. 1) платная партнёрша (в дансинге, ночном клубе)  
2) «хозяйка», официантка (в ночном клубе или кабаре)

2. ['hɒvstɪs] *v*

быть хозяйкой, принимать гостей  
she volunteered to hostess the club - она вызвалась быть за хозяйку в клубе

hostess

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host·ess [hostess hostesses] *BrE* ['hɒstəs] \* *BrE* ['hɒstəs] \* *NAmE* ['hɒstəs] \* *noun*

1. a woman who invites guests to a meal, a party, etc; a woman who has people staying at her home
    - Mary was always the perfect hostess.
    - Many thanks to our host and hostess for such a wonderful evening
  2. a woman who is employed to welcome and entertain men at a ↑nightclub
  3. a woman who introduces and talks to guests on a television or radio show
- Syn:** ↑compère
4. (*NAmE*) a woman who welcomes the customers in a restaurant
- see also** ↑host

Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French (h)ostesse, feminine of (h)oste, from Latin hospes, hospit- 'host, guest'.

More About:

**gender**

Ways of talking about men and women

When you are writing or speaking English it is important to use language that includes both men and women equally. Some people may be very offended if you do not. [The human race](#)

**Man** and **mankind** have traditionally been used to mean 'all men and women'. Many people now prefer to use *humanity*, the human race, human beings or people. [Jobs](#)

The suffix -ess in names of occupations such as actress, hostess and waitress shows that the person doing the job is a woman. Many people now avoid these. Instead you can use actor or host, (although actress and hostess are still very common) or a neutral word, such as **server** for [waiter](#) and [waitress](#).

Neutral words like assistant, worker, person or officer are now often used instead of -man or -woman in the names of jobs. For example, you can use police officer instead of [policeman](#) or [policewoman](#), and spokesperson instead of [spokesman](#) or [spokeswoman](#). Neutral words are very common in newspapers, on television and radio and in official writing, in both *BrE* and *NAmE*.

When talking about jobs that are traditionally done by the other sex, some people say: a male secretary/nurse/model (NOT man) or a woman/female doctor/barrister/driver. However this is now not usually used unless you need to emphasize which sex the person is, or it is still unusual for the job to be done by a man/woman: ▫ My daughter prefers to see a woman doctor. ▫ They have a male nanny for their kids. ▫ a female racing driver [Pronouns](#)

He used to be considered to cover both men and women: ▫ Everyone needs to feel he is loved. This is not now acceptable.

Instead, after everybody, everyone, anybody, anyone, somebody, someone, etc. one of the plural pronouns they, them, and their is often used: ▫ Does everybody know what they want? ▫ Somebody's left their coat here. ▫ I hope nobody's forgotten to bring their passport with them.

Some people prefer to use he or she, his or her, or him or her in speech and writing: ▫ Everyone knows what's best for him or herself. He/she or (s)he can also be used in writing: ▫ In doubt, ask your doctor. He/she can give you more information. (You may find that some writers just use 'she'.) These uses can seem awkward when they are used a lot. It is better to try to change the sentence, using a plural noun. Instead of saying: ▫ A baby cries when he or she is tired you can say ▫ Babies cry when they are tired.

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host·ess /'hɒstəs, 'hɒstɪs \$ 'hɒv-/ *BrE* \* *AmE* \* *noun* [countable]

1. a woman at a party, meal etc who has invited all the guests and provides them with food, drink etc ⇒ **host**
2. a woman who introduces and talks to the guests on a television or radio show ⇒ **host**
3. a woman who shows people to seats in a restaurant in the US
4. a woman whose job is to entertain men at a ↑nightclub

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