

EATING OUT

When British and American people eat out, they can choose from a wide range of eating places. The busiest tend to be burger bars, pizzerias and other fast food restaurants which are popular with young people and families. In Britain these have largely replaced traditional cafes selling meals like sausage, egg and chips, though most towns still have several fish and chip shops. Many British pubs also serve reasonably priced meals.

Many people eat out in Italian and Mexican restaurants. Takeaways from Chinese or Indian restaurants are also popular. Americans also often order in (= have a meal delivered to their home by a restaurant). Fewer people go to smarter, more expensive restaurants. With great variety of food available at rather low prices, eating out is common.

Visitors to the US often think either that there is no real American food, only dishes borrowed from other countries, or else that Americans eat only junk food, like fast food, potato chips, fizzy drinks and ice-cream.

The British also have a poor reputation for food. Visitors to Britain often complain that food in restaurants is badly presented and has no taste at all. While there is some truth in both these impressions you can still find the most delicious food not in restaurants but in people's homes.