

U.D.4 AT A RESTAURANT

1. How often do you eat out?
2. Where do you usually go when you eat out?
3. How much do you usually pay when you eat out?
4. Who do you usually go with when you eat out?
5. Do you like western food?
6. Japanese?
7. Thai?
8. Italian?
9. Can you name restaurants in this area that serve food from other countries?
10. What kinds of foods do these restaurants serve?
11. Have you ever eaten at any of them?
12. Do you ever eat greasy food?
13. Salty?
14. Sweet?
15. Spicy?
16. Do you know how to order food in English?
17. Have you ever done so?
18. If so, was it easy to do so?
19. Do you ever eat at McDonalds?
20. KFC?
21. Other fast food restaurants?
22. What is your favorite appetizer?
23. Main Course?
24. Dessert?
25. Do you ever drink alcoholic beverages when you eat out?
26. If so, what do you drink?
27. Do you know what a Caesar salad is?
28. Buffalo wings?
50. What kind of food did they serve?
51. Who pays when you go out for dinner?
52. What's the worst experience you ever had at a restaurant?
53. What's the most disgusting food you ever ate in a restaurant?
54. Do you like eating at buffets? Why or why not?
55. Where was the best buffet you've ever eaten at?
56. What kinds of foods were there?
57. Have you ever eaten at an all you can eat restaurant?
58. Did you eat too much?
59. Do you think it was a good value?
60. Was the taste as good as a regular restaurant?
61. Why do you think westerners are usually heavier than Asians?
29. Nachos?
30. Chicken fried steak?
31. Did you enjoy eating out in other countries you have visited?
32. Have you ever worked in a restaurant?
33. If so, what kind of restaurant?
34. How long did you work there?
35. Did you enjoy your job?
36. How many different types of salad dressing can you name?
37. Do you worry about calories and fat content when you eat out?
38. How about cholesterol ?
39. How about insecticides and other chemicals in your food?
40. Would you send a dish back if it did not taste good or if you received the wrong food?
41. Do you ever leave a tip at a restaurant? How much?
42. In what ways have people's eating habits changed over the years?
43. How have your eating habits changed over the years?
44. Have your eating habits change this last year?
45. Do you think western food is too expensive? Why or why not?
46. Have you ever had a restaurant cater a party at your house?
47. If not, would you consider it?
48. If so, were you happy with the service?
49. Would you do it again?
62. Do you ever order out from a restaurant?
63. What kind of foods?
64. Do you think this area has a good variety of foreign restaurants?
65. What other kinds of restaurants would you like to see opened?
66. Can kids eat free at any of the restaurants you go to?
67. Do senior citizens get a discount?

Discuss what these terms mean and then watch the video.

starter

whole meal

lamb

gwwbased

Are you ready to order?

tomato sauce

How many serves?

What are today's specials?

I will have....

Anything to drink?

Your order will be served soon

Can I get you anything else?

Any suggestions?
I'll be right back

Watch video: <https://www.youhtube.com/watch?v=u7GJgGLXyZI>

Making offers:

Can I help you?

Would you like to have a starter?

Would you like anything to drink?

Can I bring you anything else?

Making requests:

I'd like to have the set lunch.

I'd like to have a bowl of chicken soup, please.

I'd like to have a glass of Coke.

I'd like to have a grilled cheese sandwich.

I'd like to have the bill.

Waiter: Hello. ***Can I*** help you?

Kitty: Yes. ***I'd like to*** have lunch.

Waiter: ***Would you like to*** have a starter?

Kitty: Yes, ***I'd like to*** have a bowl of chicken soup, please.

Waiter: And what ***would you like to*** have for the main course?

Kitty: ***I'd like to*** have cheese burger.

Waiter: ***Would you like*** anything ***to*** drink?

Kitty: Yes, ***I'd like to*** have a glass of Coke.

Waiter (After Kitty having her lunch): ***Can I*** bring you anything else?

Kitty: No thank you. But ***I'd like to*** have the bill, please.

Waiter: Certainly.

(After a moment)

Waiter: That's \$34.

Kitty: Here you are. Thank you very much.

Waiter: You're welcome. Have a nice day.

Kitty: Thank you, same to you.

Ordering Food

"Could we see the menu, please?"

"Could we see the drinks menu, please?"

Dietary needs:

"Is this dish suitable for vegetarians?"

"Is this dish suitable for vegans?"

"Is this dish halal?"

"Is this dish kosher?"

"Does this dish contain nuts?"



Choosing What To Eat

"We're not ready to order yet. Could you give us a few more minutes, please? "

"We're ready to order now."

"We would like to order now, please."

"Could I have...? (say what you would like to eat)"

"I would like... (say what you would like to eat)"

Steak Doneness—From Rare to Well Cooking Steak to Desired Doneness

Rare

This is the steak for the true carnivore who wants something nearly raw but gets it cooked (as little as possible) to be polite. The meat should be soft to the touch, much like the raw meat, but browned over the surface.

For a 1-inch steak, place steak on a hot grill for 5 minutes. Turn and continue grilling for another 3 minutes.

Medium Rare

This is the recommended level of doneness for a good steak. Ask any chef how they like their steak prepared and they will almost all say medium rare. A medium rare steak should be warm through the middle and most of the center should be pink in color with a hint of red.

Medium Well

This is the steak for the squeamish who don't want color in their meat. A medium well steak should have a hint of pink in the very middle of the steak. The surface should be a dark brown with good charring on the top and bottom.

Well

Most people will tell you that this is the steak for people who don't like steak. While there is some truth to that, it is a popular request, so any good griller needs to know how to do it. A well done steak is the hardest to cook. The secret is to do it low and slow—it's the only way to prevent burning while fully cooking it through the middle.

VOCABULARY

booking - an arrangement made with a restaurant in advance, to eat there a particular time.

a party - a group of people who arrange to eat together.

example sentence: "I would like to book a table for a party of five, please. Can you fit us in at seven o'clock?"

menu - a printed list of meals that a restaurant serves.

set menu - a list of dishes you can order together (such as a main meal, a starter & a dessert) for a set price.

drinks menu - a list of soft drinks and alcoholic drinks that you can choose from. Some restaurants may also have a wine menu.

today's special/specials - extra dishes cooked on the day, which are not on the main menu.

cutlery - knives, forks, and spoons.

napkin - a cloth or folded piece of soft paper that you use to mop up spilt food. In the UK, people eating out would usually place a napkin on their lap, to catch spilt food or drinks.

starter - the first course of the meal. Small portions of food, served either hot or cold. You might decide to skip this course if you are not very hungry.

main course - the main part of the meal. Medium to large portions of food, served either hot or cold.

In the UK, main meals (or mains) are usually served with vegetables.

side dish - a small portion of food. Typically bread, salad, or vegetables in sauce, that you eat with a main meal. Side dishes are often shared with other people eating at your table.

dessert - the last course of a meal. Typically a sweet dish, such as cake, pudding or ice-cream.

Alternatively, a savoury dish like cheese and biscuits may be offered as the final course, instead.

vegetarian option - dishes suitable for people who don't eat meat or fish.

vegan option - dishes suitable for people who don't eat meat, fish, or dairy products.

halal - dishes that Muslims can eat.

Kosher - dishes that Jewish people can eat.

tip - a small sum of money often given to restaurant staff, for good service.

Useful Expressions and Phrases: Arriving At The Restaurant

If you have booked a table:

"Hello. We've booked a table for _____ people." (say how many people will be eating with you)

If you haven't booked a table:

"Hello. Do you have a table free?"

"Do you have a table for _____ free?" (say how many people are eating with you)

"Hello. We haven't booked a table. Can you fit us in?"

When You Have Finished Your Meal

"That was delicious! Thank you."

"That was lovely! Thank you."

"Everything was great."

Paying For Your Meal

"Could we have the bill, please?"

"Can I pay by credit card?"

"Keep the change." (if you pay by cash, and want to leave a tip)

If you think your bill is wrong:

"Could you check the bill for me, please? It doesn't seem right."

"I think you may have made a mistake with the bill."

General Advice For Dining Out in The UK

Dining out in restaurants in the UK is a formal situation, where politeness is expected if you want good service.

It is important to say please and thank you to the staff who look after you and serve you with your meal, or you will be considered rude. Restaurant staff in the UK tend to be friendly and chatty, but they normally interact with customers in a formal way, and will probably call you sir or madam.

Dealing With Problems

If you are given the wrong food:

"Excuse me - I didn't order this."

"I'm sorry - I think this may be someone else's meal."

If the cutlery isn't clean:

"Could I have another spoon (or other piece of cutlery), please?"

If your food isn't hot enough:

"Could you heat this up a bit more for me, please?"

Asking for more drinks:

"Same again, please."

"Could I have another glass (or bottle) of _____, please?" (say what you are drinking)

"Could you bring me another _____, please?" (say what you are drinking)

Restaurant complaints



- I'll take a salad and a steak please...and he will take a fish soup and a chicken curry.
- Yes madam. Your food will be served in 10 minutes.

.....it's taking a very long time.....

- Excuse me, we have been here for half an hour already. Could you tell us when will it be ready?
- Sorry madam. We didn't expect so many customers today. I'll talk to the cook.

.....it's the wrong order.....

- Excuse me... I think there has been a mistake. This is not what I ordered.
- Oh! I am terribly sorry. I'll bring you your food immediately.

.....the cutlery is not clean.....

- Excuse me...Could I have another spoon? This one is not clean.
- Of course! I'm so sorry... Here you are.

.....the food doesn't taste right.....

- Excuse me... My salad is too salty and her soup is cold... / The meat is undercooked; The meat is overcooked / The sauce is too spicy.
- Sorry... I apologise on behalf of the kitchen. I will talk to the chef and have this replaced immediately.

.....the wrong bill.....

- Excuse me... There must have been a mistake. This is not our bill / There is something in our bill that we didn't order.
- Oh again I apologise...! I will fetch you the correct one in a minute.

.....the service was terrible.....

- I do apologise for all the troubles you have had. This doesn't happen normally. We are phenomenally busy today. Would you please accept a bottle of champagne on the house to reward you from the inconveniences of the dinner?
- Yes, of course. Thank you.

