

COMMUNICATION

At a restaurant

LEVEL

Elementary (A2)

NUMBER

EN_A2_1022X

LANGUAGE

English

Learning outcomes

- I can order food and ask for the bill at a restaurant.
- I can identify the different courses of a meal.

At a restaurant

A table for...



menu



I would like...



to prefer



A table for
four, please.

Can we have
the **menu**,
please?

I would like
the fish, please.

I **prefer** red
wine to white
wine.



At a restaurant



A table for two, please.

I prefer meat to fish. What about you?



I would like chips with my steak.

Could you bring me the dessert **menu**, please?





Choose the correct option

1 A table _____ two please.

a. with

b. for

2 I prefer rice _____ chips.

a. to

b. or

3 I would _____ pasta please.

a. want

b. like



Find the mistakes

1 Hi! A table on two please.



2 Can I see the menu? I want like spaghetti.



3 I would a beer, please.



4 I prefer beer like wine.





Different restaurants

What **type of restaurant** do you like best?

Do you have **lots of different restaurants** in your city?

1



2



3



4



How much...?



How much is a bottle of red wine?

bill



Can I have the bill please?



Money

cash



card



tip



Can I pay with **cash**?

Can I pay by **card**?

A **tip** is extra money we give to the waiter.



Money

1



In the USA, people always give the waiter a **tip**. We often tip in **cash**.

2



Before we order something, we like to know **how much** it costs, so we look at the **menu**.

3



In small restaurants, we usually pay with cash, but in bigger restaurants it's possible to pay **by card**.

4



The **bill** tells you how much your meal costs.



What can you see in the picture?



1

menu

2

bill

3

card

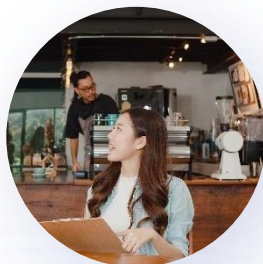
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tip



Read the dialogue and fill in the blanks

Customer



Can I have the _____ please?

No, I'm paying with _____. And
here's your _____.



Waitress

Yes of course... Here it is.
Are you paying by _____?

Thank you very much.



Paying at a restaurant



Could we **split the bill** please?

Can I **leave a tip**?

What does it mean to **split the bill**?
Does one person pay for everything?

In American restaurants, it's common to **leave a tip** of 20% or more for your waiter.



About you

**Do you give a tip to the waiter in your country?
How much?**



**Who usually pays the
bill in a restaurant?**



Useful vocabulary:

10%

split the bill
good service

Courses

starter



A **starter** is a small dish eaten at the beginning of a meal.

main course



The **main course** is usually meat or fish.

dessert



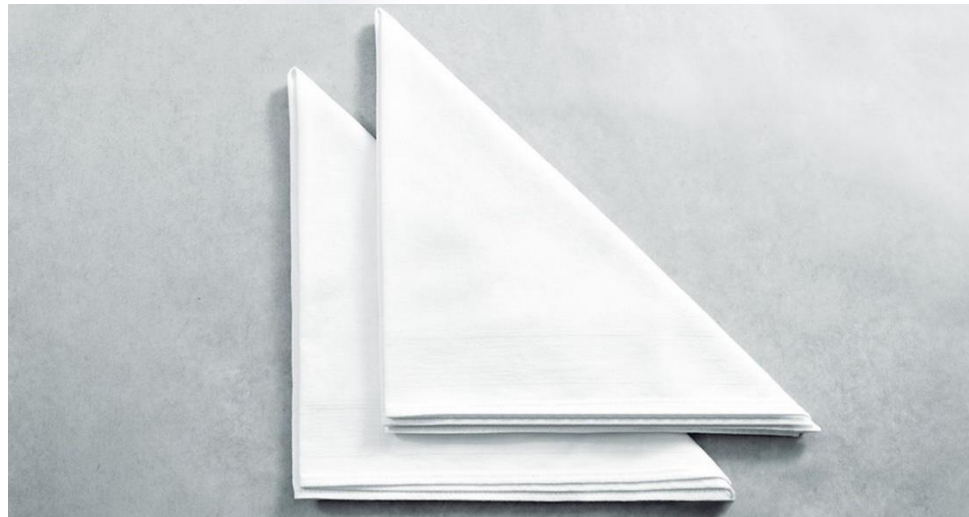
A **dessert** is usually sweet and eaten at the end of a meal.

special



The **specials** are the dishes which are not usually on the menu.

napkin



There is a **napkin** on the table.



Asking for things



Can you bring me a **napkin**, please?

I can't eat all my **main course**. Can I take it home?





At a restaurant

1



This **dessert** is very nice!

2



What are the **specials** this evening?

3



I've finished with my **starter**, so you can take the plate.

4



I'd like the soup for my **starter**.



What can you see in the picture?



1

starter

2

card

3

napkin

4

bill



Complete the sentences

1 A _____ is often soup or salad.

a. starter

b. main course

2 A _____ is a bigger meal than a starter.

a. dessert

b. main course

3 A _____ is usually something sweet.

a. dessert

b. starter



Where would you find or do these things?

Complete this activity **in breakout rooms** or together as a class.

1

starter

2

main course

3

dessert

4

menu

5

pay by cash

6

give a tip

7

find your own
table

8

ask for a table

9

order at the
counter

10

waiter

An expensive restaurant

A fast food restaurant



Fill in the gaps and practise the dialogue (1/2)



For a _____, I would like the tomato salad please.

Ok. What would you like for your _____?



Steak and chips, please. And for _____, the ice cream.

Would you _____ anything to drink?



like

main course

dessert

starter

Fill in the gaps and practise the dialogue (2/2)



Yes. A glass of house wine, please. How _____ is it?

It's £10 for a glass. Would you _____ red or white?



Red, please. Oh and could you bring me a clean _____?

prefer

much

napkin



Make your own menu!

Write down some dishes you like under each course. Remember to **put a price** on each!

1

Starter

2

Main course

3

Dessert



Role-play

Take turns being the customer and the waiter. **Act out** a short dialogue with your classmate. **Use the menu** you created on the previous slide.



A table for one, please.

Would you like...?

- menu
- to prefer
- How much...?
- starter
- main course
- specials
- bill
- tip



- Can you identify the different courses of a meal?

End of the lesson

Idiom

to cost an arm and a leg

Meaning: expensive

Example: It's a very nice restaurant, but a three-course meal there costs an arm and a leg!



Additional practice



Fill in the gaps

- 1 I would _____ a glass of wine.
- 2 I _____ beer to wine.
- 3 A table _____ six, please.
- 4 I don't have any cash. Can I pay by _____?
- 5 The waiter was good. I want to leave a _____.
- 6 I would like soup and bread for a _____.

starter
card
prefer
like
for
tip



About you



What do you like to eat at your favourite restaurant?

Which starter, main course and dessert do you usually order?





Discuss



How often do you eat in a restaurant?

Can you name the last three restaurants you visited?



Answer key

P. 5: 1. b 2. a 3. b

P. 6: 1. on → for 2. want → would 3. (missing) like 4. like → to

P. 12: card (also bill, tip)

P. 13: bill, cash/card, cash/card, tip

P. 20: napkin

P. 22: 1. a 2. b 3. a

P. 24: starter; main course; dessert; like

P. 25: much; prefer; napkin

P. 31: 1. like 2. prefer 3. for 4. card 5. tip 6. starter



Summary

Ordering food:

- *A table for...; menu; I would like...; to prefer; napkin*
- ***A table for two, please.***

Asking for the bill:

- *bill; cash; card; tip*
- *Can I pay by **card**?*

Different courses:

- *starter; main course; dessert; special*
- *I'd like the soup for my **starter**.*



Vocabulary

A table for...

menu

I would like...

to prefer

How much

bill

cash

card

tip

starter

main course

dessert

special

napkin



Notes