

JavaScript Menu Maker Instructions

A restaurant has hired you to create a function for their website that allows them to set a meal and price each morning for Today's Special. Use your knowledge of getters and setters to make sure anyone who uses the new function can generate a meal and a price for Today's Special without any embarrassing errors!

1	Create the Menu Object We'll hold the meal, price, and their respective getters and setters in an object named <code>menu</code> . In <code>app.js</code> , create an empty <code>menu</code> object.
Hint	You can create an empty object using the <code>const</code> keyword before the name of the object and set it equal to an empty set of curly brackets (<code>{ }</code>).
2	The <code>menu</code> object will hold the meal and price of Today's Special as properties and they shouldn't be altered directly. Within the <code>menu</code> object, create a <code>_meal</code> property with a value of an empty string (""). This will eventually hold the name of the meal.
Hint	In JavaScript, it's a common convention to place an underscore <code>_</code> before the name of a property that should not be altered. <code>_property: value</code>
3	Next, add a <code>_price</code> property with a value of <code>0</code> . This will eventually hold the price of the meal, and should also not be altered directly.
Hint	Be sure to place a comma <code>,</code> after the <code>_meal</code> property-value pair as well as any subsequent properties and methods.
4	We know properties that begin with <code>_</code> should not be directly manipulated. But just to validate this knowledge, let's test it out! Below the <code>menu</code> object, directly manipulate the two properties by assigning <code>_meal</code> a number value and <code>_price</code> a string value. Then, below the new assignments, <code>console.log()</code> the <code>menu</code> object to see how not type checking these values could cause confusion for a website visitor!
Hint	You can directly manipulate an object property using the following syntax: <code>object.property = value;</code>
5	Add Setter Methods To safely reassign the two <code>menu</code> properties, we can add setters that type check the values being assigned. Below the properties, use the <code>set</code> keyword to create a <code>meal</code> setter method with <code>mealToCheck</code> as a parameter. Leave the function body empty for now.
Hint	Syntactically, a setter is created using the <code>set</code> keyword, followed by a function declaration.

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	<pre>set functionName() { }</pre>
6	In the body of the setter method, create an if statement that checks if mealToCheck is a string. If it is, return the object's _meal property with mealToCheck assigned as the value.
Hint	You can access the menu object's property using the this keyword. One way to check that the value is a 'string', is to use the <code>typeof</code> operator.
7	Utilising the same procedures as above, use the <code>set</code> keyword to create a price setter with priceToCheck as a parameter. This method should make sure the value associated with _price is always a number.
Hint	Just like before, create an if statement using <code>typeof</code> to check if priceToCheck is a number. If it is, return the assignment of priceToCheck to the menu object's _price property.
8	Below the menu object, set the values of _meal and _price using the newly created setter methods. Then, <code>console.log()</code> the menu object to check their functionality.
Hint	Since the values are being assigned outside of the scope of the menu object, the this keyword is not needed here. Instead, reference the object, followed by the setter like below: <code>object.setter = value;</code> And remember, setter methods do not need parentheses.
9	Add a Getter Method Now it's time to safely return the values of the _meal and _price properties in a readable form. Instead of directly accessing the properties, we can use a getter method that proactively checks if a meal and price have been properly set, before returning the values. Below the setters, use the <code>get</code> keyword to create a todaysSpecial method. Leave the function body empty for now.
Hint	Similar to a setter method, a getter is created using the <code>get</code> keyword, followed by a function declaration.
10	In the body of the getter, create an if...else statement to check if _meal and _price values exist (or are truthy values). If so, return a string telling potential website visitors what Today's Special is. For example: "Today's Special is Spaghetti for £5!" If _meal and _price values do not exist (or are falsy) return the string 'Meal or price was not set correctly!'.
Hint	Empty strings and 0 are <i>falsy values</i> . Therefore, the initial values will evaluate as false until appropriate values have been assigned.
11	Get Today's Special Finally, use the getter method to <code>console.log()</code> Today's Special. Assuming you used the <code>meal</code> setter to assign a string, and the <code>price</code> setter to assign a number in task 8, you should see Today's Special logged to the console.

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	If you want to extend your learning on this project, try adding an array of meals and prices to randomly set and get Today's Special!
Hint	Access the <code>todaysSpecial</code> getter inside of the <code>console.log()</code> parentheses.