

Characters	PINYIN	Part of speech	English
饭馆儿	fànguǎnr	n.	restaurant
(一张)桌子	(yìzhāng) zhuōzi	n.	(a) table
(一把)椅子	(yìbǎ) yǐzi	n.	(a) chair
(一个)位子	(yíge) wèizi	n.	(a) seat
服务员	fúwùyuán	n.	waiter; attendant
服务	fúwù	v.	to serve; to provide service
客人	kèrén	n.	guest
菜单	càidān	n.	menu
点菜	diǎncài	vo,	to order food
这些	zhèxiē	pron.	these
那些	nàxiē	pron.	those
汤	tāng	n.	soup
饺子	jiǎozi	n.	dumpling

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sùcài 素菜 veget able	豆腐	dòufu	tofu; bean curd	Seaso ning	盐	yán	salt
	小白菜	xiǎo báicài	bok choy		醋	cù	vinegar
	黄瓜	huángguā	cucumber		糖	táng	sugar
	青菜	qīngcài	green/leafy vegetable		辣椒	làjiāo	pepper
					味精	wèijīng	(monosodium glutamate) MSG
ròucà i 肉菜 meat	鱼	yú	fish	Flavor	酸	suān	sour
	猪肉	zhūròu	pork		甜	tián	sweet
	鸡肉	jīròu	chicken		苦	kǔ	bitter
	牛肉	niúròu	beef		辣	là	spicy; hot
	羊肉	yáng ròu	lamb		咸	xián	salty

(在饭馆儿)



请进，请进。



人怎么这么^①多？好像一个位子都^①没有了。



服务员^②，请问，还有没有位子？



有，有，有。那张桌子没有人。

LANGUAGE NOTES

① In Beijing, 这么 (zhème) is commonly pronounced as zème.

② In a restaurant, one may address a staff member, either male or female, as 服务员 (fúwùyuán, waiter). In Beijing, however, some customers would address a young waiter as 小伙子 (xiǎohuǒzi, young man) and a young waitress as 小妹 (xiǎomèi, lit., little sister), while some older or middle-aged people would call a young waitress 姑娘 (gūniang, girl; miss). In Taiwan, it is proper to address a waiter as 先生 (xiānsheng) and a waitress as 小姐 (xiǎojiě).

(Zài fànguǎnr)



Qǐng jìn, qǐng jìn.



Rén zěnmē zhème^① duō? Hǎoxiàng yí ge wèizi dōu^① méiyǒu le.



Fúwùyuán^②, qǐng wèn, hái yǒu méiyǒu wèizi?



Yǒu, yǒu, yǒu. Nà zhāng zhuōzi méiyǒu rén.

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