questions and answers used at a restaurant.

**Dining At a Restaurant Alone**

This dialogue provides most the basic questions you'll need to know when going to a restaurant alone:

**Waitperson:** Hi. How are you doing this afternoon?  
**Customer**: Fine, thank you. Can I have a look…………………. at menu, please?  
**Waitperson:**: Certainly……………………….., here you are.  
**Customer**: Thank you. What's today's special…………………………?  
**Waitperson:**: Grilled tuna and cheese on rye.  
**Customer**: That sounds good…………………………... I'll have………………….. that.  
**Waitperson:**: Would you like something to drink?  
**Customer**: Yes, I'd like a coke.  
**Waitperson:**: Thank you. (returning with the food) Here you are. Enjoy…….. your meal!  
**Customer**: Thank you.  
**Waitperson:**: Can I get you anything else?  
**Customer**: No thanks. I'd like the check, please.  
**Waitperson:**: That'll be $14.95.  
**Customer**: Here you are. Keep the change………………………..!  
**Waitperson**: Thank you! Have a good day!  
**Customer**: Goodbye.

**At a Restaurant with Friends**

Next, practice eating with friends at a restaurant with these questions to help choose what to eat:

**Kevin**: The spaghetti looks really good.   
**Alice**: It is! I had it the last time I was here.  
**Peter**: How is the pizza, Alice?  
**Alice**: It's good, but I think the pasta is better. What would you recommend…………………..?  
**Waitperson**: I'd recommend the lasagna. It's excellent!  
**Alice**: That sounds great. I'll have that.  
**Waitperson:** Fine. Would you like an appetizer…………………………….?  
**Alice**: No, lasagna is more than enough for me!  
**Kevin**: I think I'll have the lasagna as well.  
**Waitperson:**:\ Right. That's two lasagnas. Would you care for an appetizer?  
**Kevin**: Yes, I'll take the calamari.   
**Peter**: Oh, that sounds good! I can't decide between the chicken marsala and grilled fish.  
**Waitperson:**: The fish is fresh, so I'd recommend that.  
**Peter**: Great. I'll have the fish. I'd also like a salad.  
**Waitperson:** What would you like to drink?  
**Kevin**: I'll have water.  
**Alice**: I'd like a beer.  
**Peter**: I'll take a glass of red wine.  
**Waitperson:** Thank you. I'll get the drinks and the appetizers.  
**Kevin**:  Thank you.

**Key Vocabulary and Phrases**

Here are some key phrases used to discuss food in a restaurant when ordering and deciding on what to eat:

* Could I have a menu, please?
* Here you are.
* Enjoy your meal!
* Would you like ...
* Can I get you anything else?
* I'd like the check, please.
* That'll be ...
* Have a good day!
* The spaghetti / steak / chicken looks good.
* How is the pizza / fish / beer?
* What would you recommend?
* I'd like my steak rare / medium / well done.
* Are there any nuts / peanuts? My child has allergies.
* Do you have any vegetarian dishes?
* Could I have a glass of water, please?
* Could you tell me where the restroom is?
* I'd recommend the lasagna / steak / pizza.
* Would you care for an appetizer / a beer / a cocktail?
* I'd like to have a beer / steak / a glass of wine.