

Ordering Food in a Restaurant

Lesson Plan and Mobile Conversation Practice

One of the first things to do in English is ordering food when you go to a restaurant. There are basic forms and questions, as well food vocabulary that you can use in places where people speak English.

I'd like some breadsticks, please.



Can I have a salad?

I'd like to see a menu, please.



Activate Vocabulary

In restaurants we eat and drink. Begin this lesson, by reviewing vocabulary related to food and drink you can find in most restaurants. Put each word into the correct category. Next, try to add at least 10 types of food, drink or descriptions to your list.

Type of Food	Drink	Description of Food or Drink
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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pizza, big, water, Coca Cola, thin, chicken, beer, small, milkshake, sandwich, thick, fish, wine, salad, medium, tasty, vegetables, tea

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Reading: The Menu

Take a look at this Menu and read the conversation between a customer and a waiter with a partner. When you have finished, use the menu to practice a conversation with your partner.



Starters

Chicken Soup	\$2.50
Salad	\$3.25

Sandwiches - Main Course

Ham and cheese	\$3.50
Tuna	\$3.00
Vegetarian	\$4.00
Grilled Cheese	\$2.50
Piece of Pizza	\$2.50
Cheeseburger	\$4.50
Hamburger deluxe	\$5.00
Spaghetti	\$5.50

Drinks

Coffee	\$1.25
Tea	\$1.25
Soft Drinks - Coke, Sprite, Root Beer, etc.	\$1.75

Waiter: Hello, Can I help you?

Kim: Yes, I'd like to have some lunch.

Waiter: Would you like a starter?

Kim: Yes, I'd like a bowl of chicken soup, please.

Waiter: And what would you like for a main course?

Kim: I'd like a grilled cheese sandwich.

Waiter: Would you like anything to drink?

Kim: Yes, I'd like a glass of Coke, please.

Waiter... After Kim has her lunch.: Can I bring you anything else?

Kim: No thank you. Just the bill.

Waiter: Certainly.



Important Language

Use 'would like' to express a wish that you have at the specific moment in time. This form is often used at a restaurant, when stating preferences, etc.

Subject + would like + verb (infinitive) + object

*Tom would like to go out for dinner.
I'd like a steak.*

Other important forms used when ordering food in a restaurant include:

Can I have ...? *Can I have a Coca Cola?*
I'll take / have a ... *I'll have a bowl of chicken soup.*



If you are a waiter, or helping someone decide which food to eat use the following forms to make suggestions, as well as ask questions:

How about / what about ...? *How about a hamburger?*
What would you like to eat / drink / have? *What would you like to drink with your dinner?*

Practice and Homework - Now it's up to you to practice ordering in a restaurant on your own. Try to practice at least five times before the next lesson on your mobile phone.

Conversational Simulation on your Mobile Phone

The Pizza Restaurant



MOBILE URL:

<http://a.ESLai.com>

Or text: **ESLAI to 41411**
(U.S.)

ESL Restaurant Scene



It's time try out what you've learned and visit a virtual Pizza Restaurant. Maybe it's your first time here? Maybe you've been here before? Try out different responses and "listen" to what the Waitperson responds with.

You can chat with the Waitperson and practice as many times as you want. Just type RESET and the simulation starts again.

ENJOY YOUR PIZZA!

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Please feel free to print out and use this lesson in class. We'd love your feedback on how the lesson went, how useful you found the lesson, and, most importantly, how the students felt about using the mobile phone practice. Just send me (Ken Beare) or Eric an e-mail at the address below.

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