

Title: Ordering food at a restaurant

Level: Elementary / Pre-Intermediate (A2–B1)

Skill Focus: Speaking

Time: 15–20 minutes

Aim

To help students practise speaking in a realistic restaurant situation.

Objectives

By the end of the activity, students will be able to:

use polite requests when ordering food

ask questions about menu items

practise restaurant vocabulary

interact confidently in a role play conversation

Target Language

Polite Requests

Could I have...?

I would like...

Can you recommend...?

May I have the bill?

Vocabulary

menu, order, starter, main course, dessert, drink, bill, recommendation

Instructions

1. Divide students into **pairs**.
2. Give one student the **Customer role card** and the other the **Waiter role card**.
3. Provide students with a **menu handout**.
4. The customer orders food and asks questions about the dishes.
5. The waiter recommends meals and takes the order.

6. Students speak for **5–7 minutes**.
7. Students **switch roles** and repeat the activity.
8. A few pairs may perform their role play for the class.

Materials

Role Card – Customer

You are at a restaurant.

Tasks:

Ask for the menu

Order a starter and a main course

Ask the waiter for a recommendation

Order a drink

Ask for the bill

Example phrases:

Could I have the menu, please?

I would like the chicken with rice.

Can you recommend a dessert?

Role Card – Waiter

You work at a restaurant.

Tasks:

Greet the customer

Give the menu

Recommend dishes

Take the order

Ask if the customer wants a drink or dessert

Example phrases:

Welcome to our restaurant.

Today's special is pasta.

Would you like something to drink?

Example Menu

Starters

Tomato Soup

Green Salad

Main Course

Chicken with Rice

Pasta with Tomato Sauce

Desserts

Ice Cream

Chocolate Cake

Drinks

Water

Juice

Coffee