This productive lesson teaches students how to order food and drink in a restaurant.

Before class, make one copy of the worksheets for each group of three.

Procedure

Restaurant Menu

Ask the students about the last time they had a meal in a restaurant. Ask them what they ate and go through typical restaurant dishes for starters, main courses and desserts.

Divide the students into groups of three and give each group a copy of the restaurant menu worksheet.

Explain that the students are going to create their own restaurant menu.

Tell the students to think of a name for their restaurant and to write it at the top of the worksheet. Students then create their menu, including the cost of each dish.

Restaurant Dialogue

When the students have completed their menus, explain that they are going to practice ordering food in a restaurant using the menu they have created.

Give out a copy of the restaurant dialogue to each group. Tell the students that the conversation includes two customers and one waiter.

Explain that the students use the prompts to write and then act out a restaurant dialogue.

Go through how to form polite requests with the class.

Examples:

Could / May / Can I have…?
I would like…
Would you like…?

Give the students time to study the flow chart and then tell the students to create a dialogue from the prompts.

When each group has created and practiced their conversation, have them act out their dialogue in front of the class.

As an extension, have the students change roles, so they all get a chance to be the waiter. You can also have the two customers stay sat at a table and have the waiters move round from group to group practicing the dialogue.
Menu

Starters

Main Courses

Desserts
Restaurant Dialogue

Waiter

Welcome the customers
(bring the menu over)
Ask what drinks the customers would like

Order drinks
(read the menu)

(serve the drinks)
Ask what starter and main course each customer would like

Order different starters and main courses
(give back the menu)

(take notes on the customers’ orders)
Repeat the order back to the customers
(get the food and bring it to the table)

Thank the waiter
Comment on the food

Ask if the customers would like dessert

Order different desserts

(take notes on the customers’ order)
(get the desserts and bring them to the table)

Thank the waiter

Ask if the customers would like anything else

Ask for the bill

(give the customers the bill)
Thank the customers
Create a restaurant dialogue from the prompts.

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