

## Activity Type

Speaking Activity: ordering a dialogue, role-play, creating a restaurant menu, creating and presenting a dialogue (pair work)

## Focus

Ordering food and drink

Restaurant language

## Aim

To practice language for ordering food and drink in a restaurant.

## Preparation

Make one copy of the strips and menu for each pair of students and cut the strips out as indicated.

Also, make one copy of the dialogue worksheet for each student.

## Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

## Time

50 minutes

## Introduction

These restaurant role-play activities can be used to help students practice language for ordering food and drink.

## Procedure

Divide the students into pairs.

Give each pair a copy of mixed-up sentence strips.

Ask the students to spread the strips face-up on the table.

In pairs, students then put the sentence strips in the correct order to make a restaurant dialogue between a customer and a waiter.

When all the students have order the dialogue correctly, review the restaurant language in the conversation.

Pairs then act out the dialogue twice with each student taking on the role of the customer and the waiter.

Next, give each pair a blank restaurant menu.

Pairs then create their own restaurant menu by writing a restaurant name, list of starters, main courses, desserts and drinks along with their prices. Encourage students to go with a particular theme or type of cuisine.

After that, give each student a copy of the restaurant dialogue worksheet.

Students then use the menu and the example conversation from the first activity to create their own restaurant dialogue between a waiter and a customer.

When their dialogues are complete, arrange the chairs and tables to look like a restaurant.

Pairs then role-play ordering food and drink in a restaurant using their menu and dialogue, exchanging roles each time they finish the conversation.

Finally, students present their role-plays to the class and feedback is given.



Waiter: Good evening. Welcome to Luna Nera.

Customer: Good evening. Could I have a table for one, please?

Waiter: Certainly. Please come this way. We have a table just over here with a nice sea view.

Waiter: What would you like to drink?

Customer: I'll have a glass of red wine, please.

Waiter: Here is your drink. Are you ready to order your starter and main course?

Customer: Yes. For a starter, I'll have the prawn bruschetta and for the main course, I would like the pan-fried salmon.

Waiter: So, let me repeat your order. That's one prawn bruschetta and one pan-fried salmon?

Customer: Yes. That's correct.

Waiter: Here is the prawn bruschetta and one pan-fried salmon.

Customer: Thank you very much.

Waiter: Is everything OK with your meal?

Customer: Yes. It's delicious. My salmon is perfectly cooked.

Waiter: Would you like anything for dessert?

Customer: Yes. Can I have a slice of cheesecake?

Waiter: Certainly. I'll bring that for you right away.

Waiter: Here is your dessert?

Customer: Thank you.

Customer: Can I have the bill, please?

Waiter: Here's your bill. That's \$55, please. Will you be paying by cash or card?

Customer: Cash, please. Please keep the change and thank you for a lovely meal.

.....

*~ Menu ~*

**Starters**

..... \$ .....

..... \$ .....

..... \$ .....

..... \$ .....

**Main Courses**

..... \$ .....

..... \$ .....

..... \$ .....

..... \$ .....

**Desserts**

..... \$ .....

..... \$ .....

..... \$ .....

..... \$ .....

**Drinks**

..... \$ .....

..... \$ .....

..... \$ .....

..... \$ .....

