

Activity Type

Speaking Game:
role-play, asking and
answering questions from
prompts, communicative
practice (group work)

Focus

Ordering food and drink
Restaurant language

Aim

To practice language for
ordering food and drink.

Preparation

Make one copy of the
menu and food/drink
cards for each group of
four and cut as indicated.
Also, prepare some slips
of paper for each group.

If you have a group of
three, delete one item
from each section of the
menu and remove the
corresponding food/drink
cards.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

This ordering food and drink game helps students practice restaurant language for ordering menu items.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of four.

Give each group a copy of the menu and four slips of paper.

Ask the students to read the menu and to each decide on a three-course meal (starter, main course and dessert) and drink that they would like to have, without telling anyone.

When the students have decided what they want, they write it on a slip of paper and keep it secret.

Next, give each group a set of food and drink cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the cards and deal them out equally face down.

Students then play a card game where they try to get the four food or drink items by ordering them from the menu using restaurant language.

One student goes first and orders a menu from another group member, e.g. 'Can I have some..., please?', 'I'll have some...', or 'I'd like some... please'. Write these prompts on the board.

If the other student has the menu item, they give it to the student and reply as a waiter saying 'Certainly, sir/madam. Here you are'. Write these prompts on the board.

If the student doesn't have the menu item, they say 'I'm sorry, sir/madam. We don't have any...' Write these prompts on the board.

It's then the next student's turn to ask for a menu item and so on.

The first student to get the four menu item cards wins the game.

When a student has won, they show the slip of paper and cards to the other students as confirmation.

Have the students play several rounds to practice the language.

MENU

STARTERS

- SPRING ROLLS
- SALAD
- GARLIC BREAD
- TOMATO SOUP

DESSERTS

- CHEESECAKE
- CHOCOLATE CAKE
- ICE CREAM
- DOUGHNUTS

MAIN DISHES

- RIBEYE STEAK
- ROAST CHICKEN
- FRIED FISH
- SPAGHETTI CARBONARA

BEVERAGES

- RED WINE
- BEER
- COLA
- WATER

