

Can I take your order?

Activity Type

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

Focus

Phrases for ordering food
and drink

Aim

To learn and practice
phrases for ordering food
and drink.

Preparation

Make one copy of the
menu and 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 cards.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

This ordering food and drink game helps students learn and practice phrases 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.

First, students read the menu, decide on a three-course meal and drink they would like to have, and write it on the slip of paper without telling or showing anyone.

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.

Next, students play a card game where they try to get the four food or drink items by ordering them from the menu using the phrases below.

Ordering:

Can I have..., please?
I'll have..., please?
I'd like..., please.

Replying:

Certainly, here you are.
I'm sorry. We don't have any... left.

Students then take turns ordering a menu item from another group member, e.g. 'Can I have a salad, please?'

If the other student has the menu item card, they give it to the student and reply as a waiter saying, 'Certainly, here you are.'

If the student doesn't have the menu item, they say, 'I'm sorry. We don't have any... left.'

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

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

Students can play several rounds to practice the ordering phrases.

MENU



STARTERS



SPRING ROLLS

SALAD

GARLIC BREAD

TOMATO SOUP



DESSERTS



CHEESECAKE

CHOCOLATE CAKE

ICE CREAM

APPLE PIE



MAIN DISHES



STEAK

ROAST CHICKEN

FRIED FISH

SPAGHETTI



DRINKS



RED WINE

BEER

COLA

WATER

