

## Activity Type

Vocabulary Exercises:  
labelling, matching,  
dialogue completion

Speaking Activity: role-  
play (pair work)

## Focus

Restaurant language

## Aim

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

## Preparation

Make one copy of the  
two-page worksheet for  
each student.

## Level

Intermediate (B1)

## Time

25 minutes

## Introduction

In this restaurant language worksheet, students learn and practice phrases to order food and drink in a restaurant.

## Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

First, students complete menu headings with vocabulary from a box.

Exercise A - Answer key

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. Starters     | 5. Drink Menu       |
| 2. Main Courses | 6. Soft Drinks      |
| 3. Sides        | 7. Alcoholic Drinks |
| 4. Desserts     | 8. Hot Drinks       |

Students then match a waiter's questions with suitable responses.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. d   2. e   3. b   4. f   5. c   6. a

Next, students read six phrases a customer might say in a restaurant and match the words in bold to their synonyms.

Exercise C - Answer key

1. f   2. c   3. a   4. e   5. b   6. d

After that, students use the menu and restaurant language from the worksheet to write customer responses in a restaurant dialogue.

Exercise D - Possible answers

1. There are ... of us.
2. Yes, I'll start off with ... / I'll have ... to start.
3. I'll have ... as my main. What does it come with?
4. Yes, I'll have ... on the side / I'll have a side order of ...
5. No, thank you. I think that's enough.
6. Yes, it was delicious. May I take a look at the menu again?
7. I'll have...
8. Yes, please. I couldn't finish my meal.

Finally, students role-play the dialogue with a partner and present it to the class.

**A. Complete the menu headings with the vocabulary from the box.**

Main Courses	Alcoholic Drinks	Desserts	Drink Menu
Soft Drinks	Starters	Hot Drinks	Sides

Menu	
(1) .....	(5) .....
Creamy Tomato Basil Soup	(6) .....
Green Salad with Dressing	Coke, Sprite
Grilled Chicken Wings	Apple Juice, Orange Juice, Lemonade
_____	Iced Tea
(2) .....	Still or Fizzy Water
Roast Chicken with Mashed Potatoes	_____
Grilled Salmon with Vegetables	(7) .....
Veggie Burger with Sweet Potato Fries	Beer
_____	Red Wine
(3) .....	White Wine
Garlic Bread	_____
Salad	(8) .....
_____	Tea
(4) .....	Espresso
Chocolate Cake	Cappuccino
Apple Pie	Hot Chocolate

**B. Match the waiter's questions with suitable responses.**

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|---|---|
| 1. How many of you are there? .....                   | a. Yes, please. I couldn't finish my meal.  |
| 2. Did you enjoy your meal? .....                     | b. No, thank you. I think that's enough.    |
| 3. Can I get you anything else? .....                 | c. Yes, I'll have a side order of chips.    |
| 4. Can I start you off with something to drink? ..... | d. There are two of us.                     |
| 5. Would you like a side dish? .....                  | e. Yes, it was delicious. Thank you.        |
| 6. Would you like a doggy bag? .....                  | f. Yes, I'll start off with a beer, please. |

**C. Read the phrases a customer might say in a restaurant and match the words in bold to their synonyms.**

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|---|--|
| 1. Can I have <b>a doggy bag</b> ? .....                  | a. a small portion / side dish of      |
| 2. <b>May I take a look at</b> the menu again? .....      | b. as a starter                        |
| 3. I'll have some garlic bread <b>on the side</b> . ..... | c. Can I see...?                       |
| 4. Can I have fish and chips <b>as my main</b> . .....    | d. What is included?                   |
| 5. I'll have the tomato soup <b>to start</b> . .....      | e. for the main course                 |
| 6. <b>What does it come with</b> ? .....                  | f. a bag of leftover food to take home |



**D. Use the menu and restaurant language from the worksheet to write customer responses to the waiter's questions.**

Waiter: Welcome to Top Eats. How many of you are there?

Customer: (1) .....

Waiter: Here's the menu. Can I start you off with a drink and a starter?

Customer: (2) .....

Waiter: Okay. And for the main course?

Customer: (3) .....

Waiter: I'm afraid it doesn't come with any sides. Would you like a side dish?

Customer: (4) .....

Waiter: Good choice. Can I get you anything else?

Customer: (5) .....

(After the meal) Waiter: Did you enjoy your meal?

Customer: (6) .....

Waiter: Great. Yes, here you are. What would you like?

Customer: (7) .....

Waiter: Okay. Would you also like a doggy bag for your leftover food?

Customer: (8) .....

Waiter: Fantastic. Coming right up!

**E. Now, role-play the restaurant dialogue with a partner and then present it to the class.**