

Activity Type

Reading and writing activity

Language 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 worksheet for each student.

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this useful worksheet activity, students practice language for ordering food and drink in a restaurant.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the worksheet.

Students begin by reading extracts from a restaurant dialogue and deciding who said each one, the waiter or the customer.

When the students have finished, check the answers with the class.

Answer key

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| a. Customer | i. Waiter |
| b. Customer | j. Waiter |
| c. Waiter | k. Waiter |
| d. Customer | l. Customer |
| e. Customer | m. Customer |
| f. Customer | n. Customer |
| g. Waiter | o. Customer |
| h. Waiter | p. Customer |

Students then match each question or statement from the first exercise with an appropriate response.

Afterwards, review the answers as a class.

Answer key

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| a. 7 | i. 16 |
| b. 15 | j. 5 |
| c. 8 | k. 3 |
| d. 11 | l. 13 |
| e. 10 | m. 14 |
| f. 12 | n. 4 |
| g. 1 | o. 9 |
| h. 2 | p. 6 |

As an extension, pairs of students use the language from the worksheet to create a restaurant dialogue. These dialogues can then be role-played in front of the class.

A. Read the extracts from a restaurant dialogue. Who would say each one, the waiter or the customer?

- a. Good evening. Can I have a table for two? *Customer*
- b. Could we see the menu?
- c. Are you ready to order?
- d. Could you explain what this dish is?
- e. What would you recommend?
- f. I'd like the garlic prawns to start and the sirloin steak.
- g. How would you like your steak?
- h. What would you like to drink?
- i. How was your food?
- j. Would you like any dessert?
- k. Are you sure? How about a coffee?
- l. Could I have the bill, please?
- m. I think there's a mistake on the bill.
- n. Can I pay by credit card?
- o. Could I have a receipt, please?
- p. Thank you. The food was amazing.



B. Now, match each response to a question or statement above.

1. Medium rare, please.
2. We'll have two glasses of red wine, please.
3. A coffee would be nice.
4. Yes, we accept Mastercard and Visa.
5. No thanks. I'm stuffed. I couldn't eat another thing.
6. You're welcome. Hope to see you again.
7. Good evening. Yes, please come this way.
8. Not quite. Could you give us a few more minutes?
9. Certainly.
10. I'd recommend the sirloin steak. It's very good.
11. It's a lamb casserole with vegetables and mashed potato.
12. Excellent choice.
13. Certainly, I'll bring it right away.
14. I'm very sorry about that. I'll get it changed.
15. Certainly, here you are.
16. It was delicious. Thank you.

