

# At the Restaurant

Waiter	Guest
Good afternoon. Good evening.	Good evening. Good afternoon.
Can I help you? May I help you?	Is this table free? Do you have a table for three? Yes, I would like a beer. Yes, I would like a coffee. Red wine, please? Could you bring me the menu please? Could you bring us the card, please?
Yes it is. This table is reserved. There is a table free over there in the corner. This one is free. We don't have any tables free. All tables are reserved. Yes we do. Follow me, please. This way, please. [pointing at a table] This table is free. Here you are, the menu. Would you like to have a look at the menu? Can I take your order? Are you ready to order? Would you also like something to eat? Anything to eat? What would you like to order?	Thank you. Yes please. Oh that's a petty. Could you bring us a coffee while we are looking at the menu? Not yet. I'm waiting for a friend. Only a glass of wine for now please, I am waiting for someone. A bit later. I am waiting for some friends to arrive. We would like to have a beer and a wine while we are deciding what we want to eat. Do you have any suggestions? Can you suggest something? We're still looking. We haven't decided yet. No, thank you. Is it a problem if we just have something to drink? We are having a bit of a difficulty to decide on our main course. We would like to start with the chicken soup and then decide about our main course.
Well, the lasagna is very popular. I'd suggest the spareribs or the chop suey. You can call me when you're ready to order. Please, call me when you're ready to order. Maybe you would like something to drink while you're waiting? Not at all. Feel free. If you sit at the bar, it is no problem. Well, this is a restaurant. We need our tables for people who come to have dinner. And you? And for you?	Yes, I would like the lasagna, please. I think I'll have the ... Oh, goodbye then. Well, we'll sit there then.

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	[ when ready to order ] [raising hand (NOT snapping fingers)] Excuse me?
Are you ready to order? Yes, please? Yes?	Yes. Could I have a steak please, with ... ... mashed potatoes ... ... fried baby potatoes ... ... chips ... ... French fries ... ... and some vegetables? ... a salad? I think I'll take grilled salmon. For me the spareribs, please. What can I order to go with it?
Would you like your steak rare, medium or well done?	Rare, please. I prefer medium. I would like mine well done, please.
Would you like a salad as a side dish? Anything on the side? Maybe snap beans and mashed potatoes?	What goes well together with ...? Can you suggest something to go with ...? What are snap beans? Yes I would. That's a good idea.
Snap beans are also called green beans.	Ah, I see.
How about an entrée? Would you like a starter? Maybe a port as an appetiser? How about some onion soup as an entrée? <sup>1</sup>	Ah, yes, a port is a good idea. Maybe a shrimp cocktail as an entrée. Do you have that?
And would you like anything to drink? Would you like anything else to drink?	A soft drink please. I would like a glass of wine. Another ..., please. Mineral water please. Some water please. A juice, please
Flat or sparkling? We have orange juice, Coca-Cola, Bitter lemon, ..... Which would you like? Which do you prefer? What do you prefer?	Flat, please. I'd like a still water, please? <sup>2</sup> A ....., please. A ....., for me (please).

<sup>1</sup>strangely, in the USA, **entrée** is the word commonly used for the main course of a meal; in other countries it is used to indicate a small dish eaten before the main course, thus a synonym for **starter**.

<sup>2</sup>**still water** is an uncommon synonym for **flat water**

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<p>Anything for dessert?            And what would you like for dessert?            And for dessert? What would you like?            (*) What would you like for dessert?</p>	<p>(**)Do you have vanilla ice-cream?            Do you have ice-cream?            No, but I would like some coffee, please.            We don't know yet, well decide after our main course.            No desert for me.</p>
<p>No, we don't. We ran out of vanilla. We do have chocolate, mocha, rum and raisins and pistachio. Would you like any of those? We have chocolate, mocha, rum and raisins and pistachio. Which would you like?</p>	<p>Chocolate please.            ..... please.            Well, just some coffee then.</p>
<p>That's two chocolate ice-cream then.            One ... and one ..... then?            That's ..... and ..... then?            Two coffees then.</p>	<p>Yes.            That's right.</p>
<p>Coming right up.            Would you like your drinks right now or when I bring your meal?</p>	<p>We would like it now.            Oh, can be now.            With our meal please.            [ no response ]</p>
<p>Your steak. Here you are.            Your ..... here you are.            Here are your .... , ..... , ..... and ..... .</p>	<p>Thank you.</p>
<p>Enjoy your meal.            Enjoy it.</p>	<p>Thank you.</p>
	<p>[raising hand]            Please waiter, can you bring me a napkin?            Please can you bring me .....?            Excuse me, I don't have a spoon.            Please waiter, I don't have a .....            Excuse me, my beer is flat. (Could you bring me another one?)            Please waiter do you have a fork for me?            Please do you have a ..... for me?</p>
<p>Sorry, I'll get one for you, right away.            I'll get it for you, right away.            I'll get one, right away.            Sorry, I'll get some for you.            Of course, I'll get one.            Oh, yes, of course. I'll bring you another one.            Sorry, I'll bring you another one (right away).</p>	<p>Thank you.</p>

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[seeing that the guest's glass is empty] Would you like another beer? Would you like another wine? Would you like another ...? Would you like another ..., or maybe something else?	Yes, please. No, thanks. No, thank you.
Maybe something else?	No, thanks. Ah, a glass of wine, please? I think I'll have an apple juice. Water please.
Excuse me, can I take your plate? Can I take this?	Yes. I'm not done yet. Yes, please. Yes, thank you.
And how was your meal? And how was your steak? Did you enjoy your meal? And how was the ...? Did you enjoy your ...?	Oh, it was quite fine. Good. Nice. Well, actually, I asked for a rare steak but I think it was more to medium. Well, I think the vegetables were overdone. As a matter of fact, I think the rice was underdone. Well ... .
Oh I'm sorry about that. Next time, please call me so we can try to correct it.	Oh, I'll do that then. Ah, yes, I'll do that. OK, I will.
Would like any desert? Would you like anything else? Would you like to order anything else? [see (**)]	[raising hand] Excuse me, do you have anything for dessert? [see (*)]
Your dessert. Here you are. Your dessert.	Thank you.
May I take this?	Yes, please. [nod]
And how was it? Did you like it?	Yes we did. Well ... it was OK.
	[raising hand] Could you bring us the bill, please? Could you bring me the bill, please? The bill please? We would like separate bills if possible.
Of course. Just a moment.	

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Here you are. [giving the bill]	Thank you. [receiving the bill]
	[raising hand] Excuse me? It seems there is an error with the bill. Could you explain the bill to me please. On the bill there are six beers but we only had five. Could you correct that please?
Let me see. Can I have a look, please. Can I have a look, please? You had only five beers? I see. Just a moment, I will have it corrected.	Thank you. Do you accept credit cards?
[ waiting or leaving and later coming back ] No, we don't. Sorry, we don't. We do accept debit cards ... and cash of course. We do accept debit cards but not credit cards. And cash of course. Yes we do. We accept credit cards and debit cards.	Here you are. Keep the change. Here you are and ... you can keep the change. [Leaving the money on the table and going away] We would lie to pay by credit card.
Thank you. Your change. [offering the card reader for the client to insert, swipe, approximate or tap]	Thank you. Your tip. You can keep the change. This is for you.
Thank you. Good night. Good afternoon. Good by.	Good afternoon. Good night. Good by.