



ORDERING AT A RESTAURANT

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Practical English for everyday adult life

A. Restaurant Vocabulary

Match each word to the correct meaning.

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| 1. starter | a. food served before the main course |
| 2. main course | b. a sweet food eaten at the end of a meal |
| 3. side dish | c. a person who serves food in a restaurant |
| 4. dessert | d. a list of things used to make a dish |
| 5. bill | e. a meal or table booked before you arrive |
| 6. reservation | f. food that is hot because it contains spices |
| 7. waiter / waitress | g. the main food you order |
| 8. ingredient | h. a person who does not eat meat |
| 9. vegetarian | i. an additional dish served with the main course |
| 10. spicy | j. the amount of money you need to pay |

B. What Would You Say?

Complete each situation with a natural sentence.

- You want to see the menu.
Could I _____?
- You don't understand one item on the menu.
What exactly is _____?
- You want to know what comes with a dish.
Does it come with _____?
- You don't eat meat.
I'm _____.
- You want to know if a dish is spicy.
Is _____?
- You are ready to order.
I think I'll _____.
- You want some more water.
Could we _____?
- You want to pay.
Could we _____?

C. Build the Conversation

Put the conversation in the correct order.

- ____ I'll have the grilled chicken, please.
 ____ Certainly. Are you ready to order?
 ____ Yes, please. Could I ask what comes with the chicken?
 ____ It comes with rice and vegetables.
 ____ That sounds good. Is the sauce spicy?
 ____ No, it's quite mild.

REAL ENGLISH BOX

Instead of: "I want the chicken."

Try:

- "I'll have the chicken, please."
- "I think I'll go for the chicken."
- "I'll have the grilled chicken."

These sound more natural when ordering.

Teacher Key

A:

- 1-a
- 2-g
- 3-i
- 4-b
- 5-j
- 6-e
- 7-c
- 8-d
- 9-h
- 10-f

C. Build the Conversation

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