English Conversation

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Goals

1. Ask for a restaurant recommendation
2. Read the menu
3. Language for ordering from a menu, speaking to a server (waiter/waitress), and paying for a meal

Ask for a restaurant recommendation



Before you pick, ask yourself...

- What food do I like most today?
- How much budget do I have?
- How much time do I have for this meal?
- What location do I want to go?
- Where is the restaurant?

Conversation Model

A: Could you recommend a restaurant for (this evening)?

B: Sure. What are you in the mood for?

A: I don't know. Maybe a sandwich. I am not very hungry.

B: Actually, there is a great place nearby. It's called Mary's. Would you like directions?

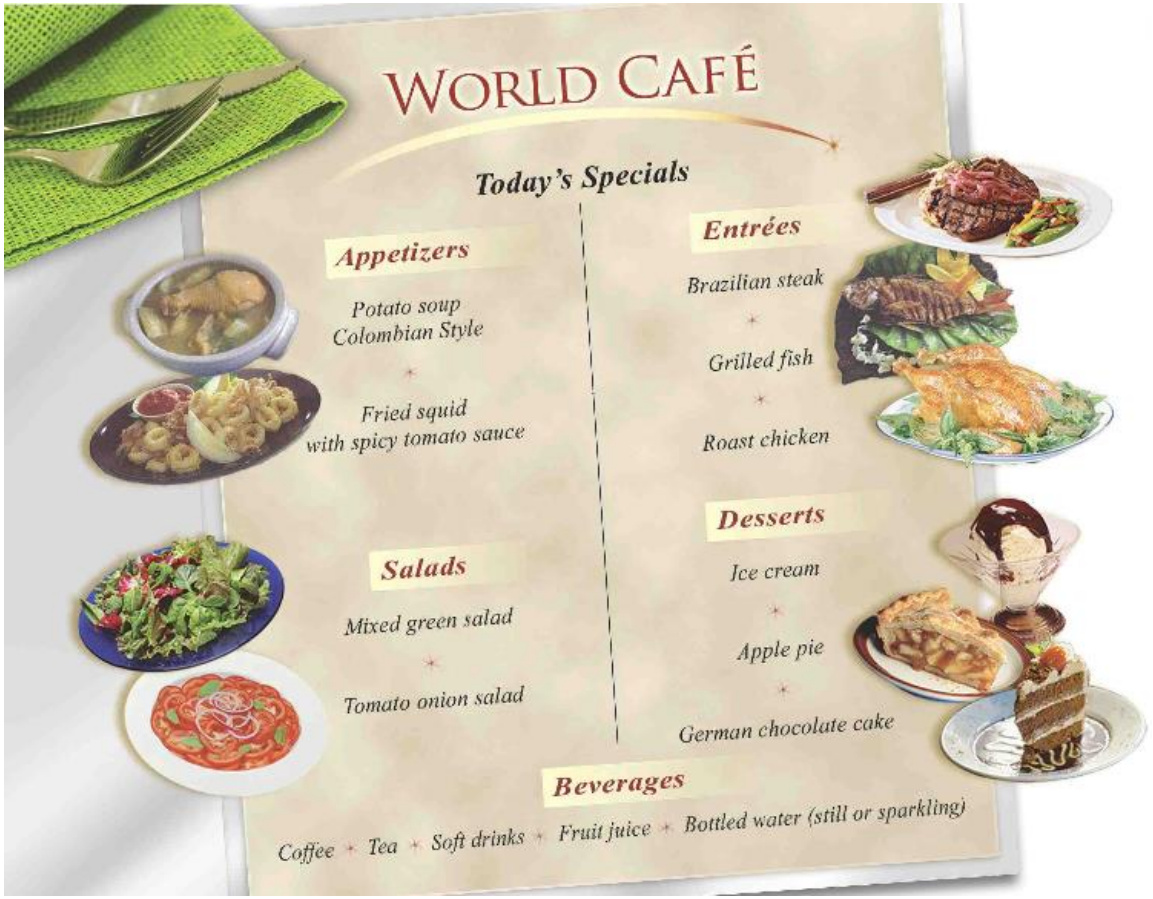
Revised from TopNotch I

How to Choose a Good Restaurant

- 1. The bathroom is clean.
- 2. A server comes over quickly.
- 3. The items on the menu are in season.
- 4. You can hear the other people at your table.
- 5. The servers are knowledgable and authentic.
- 6. The restaurant is accommodating, within reason.
- 7. The bread and butter are good.
- 8. The food all comes out at once.
- 9. The plates are cleared quickly but not too quickly.
- 10. The little details add up.

Source: amateur gourmet

Menu



Vocabulary

1. 1.Vegetarian
2. appetizers
3. entrees
4. desserts
5. salads
6. beverages

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Source: TopNotch 1

Fast Food Manu

Menu	Meal Bundles	Food Quality
Full Menu	Favorites Under 400	Nutrition Choices
Burgers & Sandwiches	Dollar Menu & More	See What We're Made Of
Chicken & Fish	Extra Value Meals	Trends & Innovation
Breakfast	Happy Meals	Your Questions Answered
Salads	Mighty Kids Meals	
Snacks & Sides		
Beverages		
McCafé		
Desserts & Shakes		



Source: McDonalds

Ingredients



Premium Crispy Chicken Bacon Clubhouse Sandwich

		(Daily Value
Calories	750	
Total Fat	38g	*59%*
Carbohydrates	65g	*22%*
Protein	36g	
Sodium	1720mg	*72%*

Note: Values shown are for "Bacon Clubhouse Crispy



Chicken McNuggets

		(Daily Value)
Calories	190	
Total Fat	12g	*18%*
Carbohydrates	12g	*4%*
Protein	9g	
Sodium	360mg	*15%*

Note: Values shown are for "Chicken McNuggets® (4 piece)"

Source: McDonalds

Booking a table

Customers

- Do you have any free tables?
- I'd like to make a reservation.
- I'd like to book a table, please.

- I've got a reservation
- Do you have a reservation?

Servers

- When for?
- For what time?
- For how many people?

- Can i have your name please?
- Please wait.
- Please follow me.

Ordering the meal

- Could I see the menu, please?
- Do you have any specials today?
- What's the (soup) of the day?
- What do you recommend?
- What's this dish?
- I'm a vegetarian
- I don't eat …
- I'll have the (chicken breast).
- Nothing else, thank you.
- We're in a hurry.
- Here you are.
- Are you ready to order?
- How would you like your steak, rare, medium, or well done?
- Can i get you any drinks?
- Is that all?
- Would you like anything else?
- Enjoy your meal!

During the meal

- Excuse me!
- Could we have (another bottle of wine/some more bread/some more milk/a jug of tap water/some water)?
- Thanks, that was delicious

- Would you like any coffee or dessert?
- Do you have any desserts?
- Could I see the dessert menu?

- Was everything alright?

Problems

- This isn't what I ordered.
- This food's cold.
- This is too salty.
- This doesn't taste right.
- We've been waiting a long time.
- Is our meal on its way?
- Will our food be long?

- Sorry.
- I'll check it for you.
- I'll change for you.
- It won't take too long.
- The food will arrive soon.

Paying the bill

- The bill, please.
- Could we have the bill, please?
- Can I pay by card?
- Do you take credit cards?
- I'll get this.
- Let's split it.
- Let's share the bill.
- Is service included?
- Can we pay separately?

- **Signs you may see**:
- Please wait to be seated.
- Reserved.
- Service included.
- Service not included.

Pair Work 

- Situations: You are at a fancy restaurant and ready to order.

Photo Story: Listen and Speak





Source: TopNotch 1

Practice: Read and Practice (p. 39)

Server:* Are you ready to order? Or do you need some more time?

Customer: I'm ready, thanks. I think I'll start with the potato soup. Then I'll have the roast chicken. What does that come with?

Server: It comes with a salad. And there's also a choice of vegetables. Tonight we have carrots or grilled tomatoes.

Customer: I'd like the carrots, please. Or, on second thought, maybe I'll have the tomatoes.

*Server = waiter (man) or waitress (woman)



Server: Certainly. And anything to drink?

Customer: I'd like sparkling water, please. No ice.

Server: Portuguese speaker