

Activity Type

Vocabulary Exercises: labelling, matching, dialogue completion

Speaking Activity: role-play (pair work)

Focus

Restaurant vocabulary and language

Aim

To learn and practice vocabulary and expressions related to 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 vocabulary and expressions related to ordering food and drink in a restaurant.

Procedure

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

Students begin by completing a menu with headings.

Exercise A - Answer key

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

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

Exercise B - Answer key

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

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

Exercise C - Answer key

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

In the next exercise, students use the menu from Exercise A along with the restaurant vocabulary and language from the worksheet to write customer responses to a waiter's questions.

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.

After that, students role-play the restaurant dialogue with a partner and then present it to the class.

A. Complete the menu headings with the vocabulary below.

Main Courses

Alcoholic Beverages

Desserts

Sides

Soft Drinks

Starters

Hot Beverages

Drink Menu

Menu	
(1) Soup of the Day Shrimp Cocktail Spring Rolls _____	(5) (6) Coke, Sprite Apple Juice, Orange Juice, Lemonade Iced Tea Still or Fizzy Water _____
(2) Roasted Chicken Breast Fried Fish Stir-fried Beef _____	(7) Beer Red Wine White Wine _____
(3) Cesar or Green Salad Roasted Potatoes / Chips _____	(8) Coffee Tea Cappuccino Hot Chocolate
(4) Chocolate Cake Strawberry Cheesecake	

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

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

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



D. Use the menu from Exercise A along with the restaurant vocabulary and 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. Role-play the restaurant dialogue with a partner and then present it to the class.