

Speaking Card 32

In a Restaurant

Language: Making Decisions, Complaining and Complimenting, Deciding What To Eat

ORDERING FOOD

Waiter: Good evening. Can I help you?

Ben (BrE): Hi, do you have a table for two free?

Waiter: Do you want a table? Or a booth?

Ann (AmE): A booth, please.

Waiter: Here you are. And here are the menus. Our special tonight is baked trout.

Ben/Ann: Thanks.

Waiter: I'll be back in a minute to take your order.

Ben: Well, Ann, do you want a starter?

Ann: I'm always on a diet, so I won't have an appetizer today. I'll have the Greek salad.

Waiter: Are you ready to order?

Ben: Yes. I'll have the special, the baked trout, for my main course.

Ann: And I would like the Greek salad.

Waiter: What can I get you to drink?

Ann: I think we'd both just like water.

Waiter: Sparkling? Or still?

Ben: I want sparkling, please.

Ann: I'll have still water. Thank you.

Waiter: Very good. I'll be back in a minute with your drinks.

AFTER THE MEAL

Ann: Well, what did you think of your trout?

Ben: It was OK, but a little overdone. And your salad?

Ann: It was really fresh, and the dressing was tasty. I'm satisfied.

Ben: OK, then, I'll give him a normal tip.

Waiter: How was everything? / Was everything all right?

Ben: OK, thank you. Can we have the bill please?

Waiter: Of course. Will that be cash or credit card?

Ben: Cash. Here you are.

HANDY PHRASES & WORDS

Food Terms

on a diet
sparkling / still water
dressing
overdone – přepečený, převařený
tasty / delicious

Restaurant Terms

table for two / a booth – box v restauraci
to order food
a / the special
a starter (BrE), an appetizer (AmE)
a / the main course
dessert
a tip
the bill (BrE), check (AmE)
cash or credit card

Polite Phrases for Choosing Food / Paying

I'll have...
I'll take...
We'd like...
Can I have the bill? / Can we pay, please?

Questions from the Waiter / Server

Are you ready to order?
Can I get you some...?
I'll be back with your drinks / orders.
Will that be cash or credit card?
What did you think of...?
How was everything?



| STARTERS | | | |
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| Soup of the day (2) | £8.00 | Chilled king prawns & cheese sauce | £8.00 |
| Fresh organic tomato, butter | | Apricots, cheese, mushrooms | |
| Roast king fish | £7.00 | King oysters | £8.50 |
| Beer potato & parmesan salad | | Mango salsa, crisp potatoes | |
| Carrotle wedges | £7.50 | Beef, vine tomato & scallion tartlet (2) | £8.50 |
| Sweet potato, aubergine, red onion & | | Misogynist cheese, jobkino pepper & onion, onion | |
| Tiger fish, dressing | £7.00 | Beefsteak, grilled goat's cheese (2) | £8.50 |
| North Atlantic fish cakes | | Cherry, pear & tomato puree, sweet onion | |
| Onion woodcock, celery, roasted kumato & | £6.50 | Salad & pepper steaks | £7.00 |
| crackling, root | | Autumn vegetables, wild shell peas | |
| Roast beef, smoked chicken, liver, pork | | | |
| Trout, baked potato, mushroom & | | | |
| potato, cheese, grilled potatoes | | | |
| MAINS | | | |
| Fillet steak & herb | £28.00 | Roast cod fish | £18.00 |
| 25 day aged, Welsh black beef, 400g, meat, | | Chips, vegetables, new potatoes & | |
| king mushrooms, peas, baked jus, onion, potatoes, | | cheese, cauliflower | |
| garlic, onion, roasted potatoes, green & | | | |
| cherry, red wine, jus | | Spaghetti & ricotta tortellini (2) | |
| | | UK'd steaks £21 | |



Task 1 Practise a conversation in a restaurant. Two of you are guests and one is a waiter. Include these points.

| Waiter | Guests |
|--|---|
| Welcome and greet the guests | Ask for a table for two |
| Offer a table and the special | Ask for the menu |
| Take a drink order | Order drinks first |
| Bring the drinks and take the order for food | Order food |
| Ask how everything was | Compliment or complain about the food, ask for the bill |
| Bring the bill | Choose a method of payment and discuss the tip |

Task 2 How would you ask the waiter to pay? How much should you leave for a tip?

Task 3 Describe the restaurants in pictures 3 and 4 above. How are they different? Which do you like better?

Task 4 Can you describe your favourite restaurant? Talk about location, food, atmosphere, service, prices, etc.