

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?



01

STARTERS

Soup of the day (V)
Fresh organic, baked, butter

Hearty King fish

Beer battered & parmesan sauce

Carrotle wedges

Sweet potato, dill, red onion & Tiger brand dressing

North Atlantic fish cakes

Onion woodcock, celery, smoked kassia & malted malt

Nearest Saused chicken liver pork

Thin baked potato, mushroom & onion chutney, grilled parmesan

£9.00

Chilled King prawns & cheese sauce

Arrozolo, cheese, mushrooms, baby peas, lemon

£7.00

King scallops

Mango salsa, crisp parmesan

£7.50

Beef vine tomato & scallion tartlet (V)

Miso-garlic sauce, job's tears, & green onion

£7.00

Swiss grilled goat's cheese (V)

Cherry, pear & braised pork belly salad

£6.50

Butt & pepper steaks

Autumn vegetables, wild rice, corn

£6.50

MAINS

Fillet steak & herb

25 day aged, Welsh black beef, fillet meat, King potatoes, peas, baked jusarbo potatoes, potato puree, roasted brussels & green & chives, red wine jus

£28.00

Roast cod fish

Chive, sweetcorn, new potatoes & cheese chutney

£18.00

Spatch & ribeye barbecue (V)

Local steaks £21

02



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07

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

Waiter

Welcome and greet the guests

Offer a table and the special

Take a drink order

Bring the drinks and take the order for food

Ask how everything was

Bring the bill

Guests

Ask for a table for two

Ask for the menu

Order drinks first

Order food

Compliment or complain about the food, ask for 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.