

READING: UNUSUAL RESTAURANTS

- 1- Look at the photos of the restaurants (1-4). In which restaurant
 - a can you see water above the tables?
 - b can you see fish and water around the tables?
 - c do the customers sit in hammocks, not chairs?
 - d is it very dangerous to leave the table?
- 2- SPEAKING. Would you like to eat in these restaurants? Why? / Why not? Choose your favourite.
- 3- Read the text. Match the names of the restaurants to the photos. What other restaurants are in the text but not in the photos? (AUDIO 2.24)

A Competing for customers	B Location, location, location
There are hundreds of restaurants in every big city. Often they serve similar food at similar prices – so how do they attract customers? Most restaurants try to offer good food and great service – and they hope customers come back again and again. But some restaurants offer a gimmick – something unusual to make their restaurant different from all the others.	Sometimes the gimmick is the restaurant's location. El Diablo, on the Spanish island of Lanzarote, is on a volcano. The chef uses heat from the volcano to cook the food. Or how about an underwater restaurant? At Ithaa, a restaurant in the Maldives, you can have dinner five metres below the Indian Ocean and watch sharks and turtles while you eat. Or you can go to the other extreme and choose Dinner in the Sky. Here, customers enjoy their meal at a special table 50 metres in the air. The company has restaurants in 45 different countries. It's an amazing experience – but don't drop your knife or fork!

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Out OF THE ORDINARY



1



2

C Are you sitting comfortably?

People often complain about the seats in aeroplanes: they're uncomfortable and there isn't enough space. So surely a restaurant inside an aeroplane is a bad idea. Well maybe not. In Accra, the capital of Ghana, you can have lunch or dinner inside an old DC-10 aeroplane. The **waiter** brings your food and drink on a trolley! Other restaurants offer extra comfort. At the Hammock Café in Sri Lanka, there are hammocks instead of chairs. And at B.E.D. in Miami, Florida, there are only beds. On each bed there is a candle and a **tray**.

D Work for your food

People go to restaurants to eat, chat with their friends and relax. But some restaurants ask their customers to work for their food. Zauo is a popular restaurant in Tokyo, Japan. It is a fish restaurant, but the customers do not order their fish from the **menu** – they have to catch it. Inside the restaurant, all of the tables are on an artificial boat, with water all around. There are different fish in different parts of the water. They choose their fish and then try to catch it!



- 4- Read the READING STRATEGY. Then read the sentences below, ignoring the gaps. In which paragraph of the text (A- D) can you find the information for each sentence?

Reading Strategy

When you have to complete sentences with information from a text, start by deciding which part of the text contains the information you need. Remember that the sentences follow the same order as the text.

- 1 It is difficult for restaurants in big cities to attract _____. (1 word)
- 2 A 'gimmick' is something to make your restaurant _____. (1 word)
- 3 At Ithaa, you can have dinner at a table below the _____. (2 words)
- 4 You can experience Dinner in the Sky in 45 different _____. (1 word)
- 5 In Accra, you can have a meal inside an _____. (1 word)
- 6 At B.E.D. in Miami, there aren't any tables or _____ (1 word) for the customers.
- 7 At Zauo, the customers don't order their fish, they _____. (2 words)

5- Complete the sentences in exercise 4 with information from the text. Write one or two words for each gaps.

6- VOCABULARY. Complete the definitions using the highlighted words in the text.

- 1 **Service** is the help and attention you get in a restaurant.
- 2 _____ are people who pay to eat in a restaurant.
- 3 You use a _____ to cut food on your plate.
- 4 You use a _____ to hold the food while you cut it.
- 5 You can use a _____ to carry a lot of drinks at the same time.
- 6 A _____ cooks the food in a restaurant or café.
- 7 The _____ is a list of the food and drink you can order.
- 8 A _____ serves customers in a restaurant.

7- SPEAKING. Answer the questions

- 1 On what occasions do people generally eat out in your country?
- 2 What kinds of restaurant are there in your town?
- 3 Is the service good there, do you think?
- 4 How often do you eat out?
- 5 What kind of food do you like to eat when you eat out?

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

5 _____

8- PROJECT. Invent a restaurant. Then describe your restaurant. Think about:

- how to attract customers.
- the location.
- what kind of food you can order there.
- a gimmick.