

Practical English Restaurant problems

1 VOCABULARY

Complete the sentences.

- Can we have a table for two, please?
- What's on the menu today?
- The start is chicken soup or tomato salad.
- I'll have the steak for my main course.
- Let's ask the waiter for another bottle of water.
- I don't want a drink, but I'd like a coffee.
- Can we have the check, please?

2 AT THE RESTAURANT

Order the dialogue.

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| A Are you ready to order? | 1 |
| B Still. | — |
| A Still or sparkling? | — |
| B Yes, please. | — |
| A And how would you like your steak? Rare, medium, or well done? | — |
| B A baked potato, please. | — |
| A Can I get you something to start with? | — |
| B Rare, please. | 6 |
| A Here's your steak, ma'am. | — |
| B Water, please. | — |
| A Would you like that with fries or with a baked potato? | — |
| B I'm sorry, but I asked for my steak rare and this is well done. | — |
| A OK. And to drink? | — |
| B No, thank you. Just a main course. I'd like the steak, please. | — |
| A I'm very sorry, ma'am. I'll take it back to the kitchen. | 15 |

3 SOCIAL ENGLISH

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

a mistake	be great	my day	any suggestions
start with	tell me	to go	we have

- A So, tell me, Adam, what are your plans?
B Well, to go, I'd like to see the world.
- A I'd like to go sightseeing this afternoon. Do you have any suggestions?
B How about going to Central Park? I could take you.
A That would be great.
- A Could you the check, please?
B Yes, of course. Here you are.
- A Excuse me. I think there's a mistake.
B Oh, sorry. It's not my day today.
- A It's very late.
B Yes. Time to go.

4 READING

a Read the article and answer the questions.

- How many restaurants are there in New York? Over 20,000
- What time do restaurants serve early-bird menus?

- How much is the early-bird menu at Cucina di Pesce?

- Where is La Paella? _____
- Which restaurants serve a pre-theater dinner menu?

- How much do they cost? _____
- When is it cheapest to eat in a four-star restaurant?

- What kind of food can you eat at Aquavit?

Eating out in NY

New York City has over 20,000 restaurants serving all kinds of food. However, eating out in the Big Apple can be very expensive. Here are some tips on how to save money during your stay.



Early-Bird Menus

These are meals served in some New York restaurants between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., when they would normally be empty. If you don't mind having dinner early, you can enjoy a three-course meal for between \$13 and \$25.

Cucina di Pesce (87 E. 4th St.) serves great Italian food on its \$12.95 early-bird menu. If you prefer something Spanish, you can try the \$16.99 early-bird menu at **La Paella** (214 E. 9th St.).



Pre-Theater Dinner Menus

These are similar to early-bird menus, but they are served in the Theater District. Most of the restaurants here offer a special menu at a fixed price ranging from \$30 to \$45. The offer is only available before the show, and it starts at 5 p.m.

Four-Star Restaurants

These are all very expensive at dinnertime, so why not have lunch there instead? That way you can get dinner-quality food at lunchtime menu prices. **Aquavit** (65 E. 55th St.) serves fantastic Scandinavian food on a great lunch menu and **Jean Georges** (1 Central Park West) offers an excellent two-course lunch for only \$28.



- b Underline five words or phrases you don't know. Use your dictionary to look up their meaning and pronunciation.

4A Parents and teenagers

1 VOCABULARY housework, make or do?

a Complete the expressions with these verbs.

clean do make pick up put away set take out

- 1 pick up dirty clothes
- 2 _____ the beds, lunch
- 3 _____ the table for dinner
- 4 _____ the floor, the bathroom
- 5 _____ the garbage
- 6 _____ the ironing, the dishes
- 7 _____ the clothes on your bed

b Complete the sentences with *do* or *make*.

- 1 He never forgets to do his homework after school.
- 2 I try not to _____ a noise when I get up early.
- 3 My husband doesn't often _____ lunch.
- 4 I always _____ the crossword in the Sunday newspaper.
- 5 We always _____ housework on Saturday mornings.
- 6 Some children _____ friends easily when they go to school.
- 7 I love to _____ yoga, but I don't often have time for it.
- 8 Sorry, I need to _____ a phone call.

2 GRAMMAR present perfect + yet and already

a Add *already* or *yet* to these sentences in the correct place.

- 1 I've done the laundry.
I've already done the laundry
- 2 Have you made any plans for the weekend?
_____?
- 3 We haven't finished lunch.
_____.
- 4 Daniel has cleaned his room.
_____.
- 5 I've done the ironing.
_____.
- 6 Have you been to the supermarket?
_____?
- 7 I haven't cleaned the bathroom.
_____.
- 8 Kenji has taken out the garbage.
_____.

b Complete the sentences for each picture. Use the present perfect form of the verbs in parentheses.



- 1 She has already done (already / do) the dishes.
- 2 He _____ (yet / not get up).
- 3 They _____ (already / win) the championship.
- 4 She _____ (yet / not clean the floor).
- 5 He _____ (already / set) the table.
- 6 "You're just in time. We _____ (yet / not eat)."

3 PRONUNCIATION /y/, /dʒ/

a Write a word containing the sound in the pictures.



- 1 a kind of exercise yoga
- 2 the opposite of old _____
- 3 twelve months _____
- 4 a color _____
- 5 special clothes for school _____



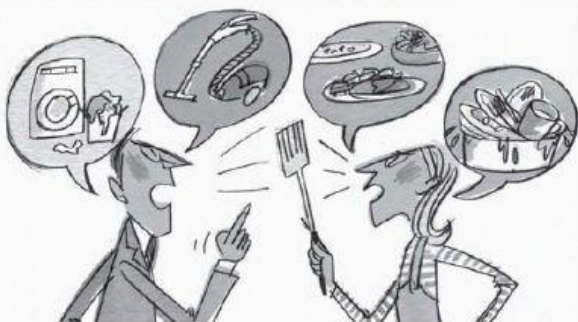
- 6 a kind of short coat _____
- 7 a person between 13 and 19 years old _____
- 8 something that helps people cross a river _____
- 9 where professors teach _____
- 10 get pleasure from something _____

b **iChecker** Listen and check. Then listen again and repeat the words.

4 READING

a Read the text. Which is the best title?

- 1 Having a cleaner house
- 2 Equality in the home
- 3 Improving your relationship



Men and women all over the world have arguments about doing housework, and it's usually the women who lose. However, a study by researchers at the University of Michigan in the US shows that the situation is slowly improving.

The researchers asked 8,000 American families how much time they spent on housework each week. The researchers have asked the same 8,000 families the same questions every year since 1968. Then, each year, the researchers analyze the information.

The information showed that women in the US today spend about 16 hours a week doing housework. Men, on the other hand, spend about 12 hours a week doing the same things. Although women still spend more time doing domestic jobs, the figures show that the situation has improved. In the 1970s, women spent about 26 hours a week on housework and men only seven hours a week.

Researchers say that women are still doing most of the housework because people still divide domestic jobs into two areas. They see cooking, cleaning, and taking care of the children as "women's work," and general repairs, car maintenance, and work outside the home as "men's work."

So, in general, the results of the study bring good news for women. The difference between the amount of time men and women spend on housework is getting smaller every year. This means the time will come when both sexes share domestic chores equally. However, women will have to be extremely patient because the change won't be complete anytime soon!

b Read the text. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Men and women don't always agree about housework. T
- 2 Different families answer the questions for the study each year. —
- 3 The participants have answered the questions for 60 years. —
- 4 The time people spend doing housework has changed since the 1970s. —
- 5 Today, women do more housework than they did in the 1970s. —
- 6 In general, people think it's normal for women to take care of the family car. —
- 7 Next year, men and women will share the housework. —

c Look at the highlighted words. What do you think they mean? Use your dictionary to look up their meaning and pronunciation.

5 LISTENING

a **iChecker** Listen to five teenagers talking about housework. Which speaker does the most housework?

b **iChecker** Listen again. Match the speakers with what they say about housework.

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| Speaker 1 | <u>B</u> | A We all share it. |
| Speaker 2 | — | B My mom does it all. |
| Speaker 3 | — | C We pay someone to do it. |
| Speaker 4 | — | D There's one thing I like doing. |
| Speaker 5 | — | E I do a little every day. |

USEFUL WORDS AND PHRASES

Learn these words and phrases.

- caregiver /ˈkɛrɪɡɪvər/
- plate /pleɪt/
- reputation /ˌrɛpyəˈteɪʃn/
- teenager /ˈtiːnɪdʒər/
- closet /ˈkləʊzət/
- dry (your hair) /draɪ/
- knock (on the door) /næk/
- keep on (texting) /kɪp ɒn/
- turn off (your cell phone) /tɜːn ɒf/
- TV channel /ti ˈvi ˈtʃænl/