

FOCUS 1 - Name: _____

SKILLS

A. LISTENING. Listen to Pete and Olivia talking about their childhood. Choose the correct option.

1. Peter's father was a **taxi driver** / a cleaner.
2. Peter **was** / **wasn't** good at sports.
3. His childhood was **very happy** / not very happy.
4. He **loves** / **doesn't like** his job now.
5. Olivia was born in **England** / Tanzania.
6. Her father is from **England** / Tanzania.
7. Olivia's school **was** / **wasn't** in the town.
8. Her house was near the **sea** / city.

A. READING

A Competing for customers

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.

B Location, location, location

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



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!



1. Match the restaurants to their gimmicks (something unusual that makes the restaurant unique). There is an extra gimmick you do not need to use.

1. ITHAA
2. EL DIABLO
3. ZAUO

4. HAMMOCK CAFE
5. DINNER IN THE SKY

- a. You have lunch or dinner sitting in a plane
- b. You have to catch your own food
- c. It is dangerous to leave the table
- d. The chef doesn't use the oven to cook the dishes
- e. You don't sit in chairs to eat
- f. You can see sea animals above the tables

2. Drag the words highlighted in the text next to the definitions.

1. The list of the food and drink you can order in a restaurant
2. The object you use to cut your food
3. The people who pay to eat in a restaurant
4. The object that is used to carry a lot of dishes at the same time
5. The person who serves the customers in the restaurant
6. The object you use to hold your food while you cut it

WAITER

TRAY

MENU

CUSTOMERS

KNIFE

FORK