

Listening skills practice: Eating out – exercises

Listen to the conversation in a restaurant and do the exercises to improve your listening skills.

Preparation

Do this exercise before you listen. Draw a line to match the pictures with the words below.



fruit salad	cheeseburger	vegetables	cheese and biscuits	ice cream	pasta
chips	roast chicken	sausages	tomato soup	omelette	grilled fish

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Do this exercise while you listen. Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | The customers want two tables. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | There are two customers eating together. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | The two customers order the same starter. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | Both customers order the Thai chicken for their main course. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | The customers order cold drinks. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | Both customers order a dessert. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Do this exercise while you listen. Complete the gaps with a word from the box.

would

ready

for

have

like

like

1. A table _____ two, please.
2. Are you _____ to order?
3. What would you _____ for your starter?
4. I'd _____ French onion soup, please.
5. What _____ you like to drink?
6. I'll _____ a fresh orange juice.

THE BOAT RESTAURANT

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Lunch served 12:30 - 2:30pm / Dinner served 6:00 - 9:00pm																								

Discussion

What food and drink from this menu would you order?