

SPEAKING: IN A RESTAURANT

- 1- SPEAKING. Describe the photo. What are the people doing? What are they saying, do you think? Use the words below to help you.



look at menu order (verb) restaurant
sit table waiter write

- 2- Read and listen to the dialogue. Complete the dialogue with the food that they order from the menu. (AUDIO 2.25)

menu

Starters

Red pepper soup • Thai prawn salad • Mushroom pâté

Main courses

Roast beef or lamb • Fish and chips • Vegetable pie

Desserts

Ice cream • Fruit salad • Chocolate cake

Waitress Hi. Are you ready to order?

Woman Yes, we are. I'd like the ¹ _____ to start, please.

Waitress And for your main course?

Woman ² _____.

Waitress Fish and chips. Thank you. And for you, sir?

Man I'd like the ³ _____ to start, please.
Followed by the ⁴ _____.

Waitress Thank you. Would you like anything to drink?

Man Can I have an ⁵ _____, please?

Waitress Of course.

Woman The same for me, please.

Waitress So that's two orange juices. Thank you.

- 3- Read the LEARN THIS! Box. How many examples of would like (affirmative or interrogative) can you find in the dialogue in exercise 2?

LEARN THIS! would like



a We use *I'd like ...* to ask for something in a polite way.
I'd like some milk, please.

b We use the question form *Would you like ... ?* for offers:
Would you like a sandwich?

- 4- Listen to dialogues 1 – 4 between the two customers and the waitress from exercise 2. In which dialogue or dialogues do the customers... (AUDIO 2.26)

- a** ask for the menu? _____ and _____
- b** order / ask for food or drink? _____ and _____
- c** ask for the bill? _____

- 5- KEY PHRASES. Listen again and complete the phrases. Who says them? Write W for the waiter or C for a customer.

Ordering food and drink

Can we have a table ¹ _____, please?

Can ² _____ the menu, please?

Is everything ³ _____ you?

⁴ _____ some water, please.

And ⁵ _____, madam?

⁶ _____ you _____ a coffee or a tea?

⁷ _____ have the bill, please?

⁸ _____ include service?

⁹ _____ leave a tip.

- 6- Read the LOOK OUT! Box. Find a countable noun in the dialogue that can also be uncountable. Is it food or drink?

LOOK OUT!



Drinks are usually uncountable, but they can be countable when we mean 'a cup / glass of ...'.

(uncountable) *I don't drink coffee.*

(countable) *Would you like a coffee? (= a cup of coffee)*

We can't do this with food words. We use partitives like 'a bowl of', 'a packet of', etc.

I'd like a bowl of soup.

7- Look at the menu below. Then prepare a dialogue in which you do three of the following:

- Ask for bread.
- Order drinks.
- Ask for the dessert menu.
- Order a dessert.
- Ask for the bill.

