

UNIT 4. Meeting. Greeting.

A waiter is a person who works in either the catering or restaurant industry, and is invaluable to the food service process. Traditionally most waiters were male, but this has changed significantly, leading to the term waitress. Eventually many felt that differentiating waiter from waitress was sexist, and many have suggested less gender-centric terms for people in this profession, including server, or waitperson.

A waiter's job in a restaurant includes greeting people once they are seated at a table. If it is a particularly busy night, the waiter should still attempt to acknowledge people seated in the section of the restaurant he or she is responsible for and let them know that he'll be back in a moment or two. The waiter then takes orders of guests, informs guests about specials, and answers questions regarding ingredients or preparation methods. If you are in this profession, it is very helpful to be aware of how the kitchen staff prepares meals.

***catering** – громадське харчування*

***restaurant industry** – ресторанна індустрія*

***invaluable** – безцінний*

***server** – офіціант*

***waitperson** – офіціант*

***to be seated** – бути розсадженими*

***to attempt** – намагатися*

***to acknowledge** – висловлювати подяку*

***to be responsible for** – нести відповідальність*

***to take orders** – приймати замовлення*

***regarding** – стосовно*

***to be aware of** – бути обізнаним*

Exercise 2. Agree or disagree with the following statements.

1. A waiter is a person who works only in restaurant industry.
2. Traditionally most waiters were male in the past.
3. But many have suggested less gender-centric terms, such as a server or a

waitperson.

4. A waiter's job in a restaurant includes only greeting people.
5. The waiter should attempt to acknowledge people seated in the section of the restaurant he or she is responsible for.
6. The waiter answers questions regarding ingredients or preparation methods.
7. It is not necessary to be aware of how the kitchen staff prepares meals.