C Below are ten questions asked in the restaurant. Put them into the order you think you will hear them in.

1 Could I just have a coffee, please?
2 Would you like to see the dessert menu?
3 Does it contain any meat at all?
4 Shall we leave a tip?
5 Could we get some water as well, please?
6 Are you ready to order?
7 Have you booked?
8 Would you like a high chair for the little girl?
9 Could we have the bill, please?
10 Could you get us a cloth, please?

GRAMMAR Offers, requests, permission, suggestions

would, could* and *shall

We use *would, could* and *shall* to add meaning to other verbs. *Would, could* and *shall* are often used when you want to do things. For example:

Make polite offers (instead of 'Do you want ...?')

Would you like to see the menu?

Make polite requests (instead of imperatives)

Could you get us a cloth, please?

Ask for permission (instead of 'Is it OK if I...?')

Could I / we change the baby somewhere?

Make suggestions (instead of 'How about -ing...?')

Shall we leave a tip?

A Complete the questions with *would / could / shall*

1 A: ..... we just have a jug of tap water please?
B: I'm afraid not, madam. You have to buy a bottle.
2 A: ..... we get the bill?
B: Yeah, it's getting late and I'm tired.
3 A: ..... we have a half portion for the kids?
B: Of course, sir.
4 A: ..... you like to see the drinks list, madam?
B: No thanks. ..... we just have two mineral waters?
5 A: ..... we ring them and book a table?
B: That's a good idea. They get quite busy.
6 A: ..... you move your chair a little so I can get past?
B: I'll get up. It's very tight in here.
7 A: ..... you like me to order for everyone?
B: Yes, if you don't mind. There's so much to choose from.
8 A: ..... we get a taxi or do you want to walk?
B: Let's walk – it's a lovely night. It's so warm.