

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.