

Unit 3 - At the Hotel and Restaurant

Il cameriere		Welcome (to a group) to Restaurant Lucia! Do you all have a reservation?
Pietro		Yes. I am Peter Manzini. I have made a reservation for four people for 7 (PM).
Il cameriere		Very good. Follow me (you all command)!
Pietro		May we sit (ourselves) by (near to) the window?
Il cameriere		But, certainly. This place is reserved for you all. Here we are.
		(To Peter): Make yourself comfortable! (polite command)
Francesca		I am very hungry. I did not eat anything after (the) lunch today. Too much to do.
Michele		I am also very hungry, Mom! It is very late!
Francesca		Michael, it is only 7 (PM). You are small. When you will be grown-up, you will eat (dinner) at eight or nine, like us.

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Caterina		You also ate some watermelon on the beach today, Michael, remember?
Pietro		Very well! We will have a really nice dinner if everybody is hungry.
		Waiter, may we have (English = see) the menu?
Il cameriere		Yes. Here it is, sir.
Pietro		Great. Please, could you bring us some water without gas (lit. natural water)?
Il cameriere		Right away, sir.
Pietro		(Everyone looks at the menu.) Kathy, what are you going to have? (lit. going to take?)
Caterina		I am going to have prosciutto with melon for (the) antipasto (course). Risotto Milanese for (the) first (course).

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Francesca		Peter, do you want to share the assorted antipasto with me?
Pietro		No, I want the fried squid. You can share it with Michael.
Francesca		O.K. I will share it with Michael.
Caterina		(The waiter returns.)
Il cameriere		Are you all ready to order? What have you all chosen?
Pietro		For (the) antipasto (course) the ladies have chosen the prosciutto and melon and the assorted antipasto.
		Could you bring us an additional plate for our son?
		He will share the antipasto with my wife.
Il cameriere		Excellent. And for you, sir? Have you chosen?
Pietro		I would like some fried squid and some bread with olive oil.
Il cameriere		Good choice! I like the fried squid very much! (lit. To me, the fried squid are very pleasing.)
Il cameriere		And for (the) first (course)? What do you all want?

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Pietro		For (the) first (course), the rice for her (Kathy) and for us the Spaghetti alla Carbonara (spaghetti made the coal miner's way) .
Il cameriere		And may I also bring a bottle of wine?
Pietro		Certainly. The house wine, please.
Il cameriere		Right away, sir.