

You are going to read an article about people eating in unfamiliar restaurants. For questions 16–30, choose from the people (A–E). The people may be chosen more than once. When more than one answer is required, these may be given in any order.

Mark your answers on the separate answer sheet.

Which person

was misunderstood by a member of the restaurant staff?

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particularly liked the variety of flavours?

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wishes they had not eaten part of the meal?

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was impressed by the appearance of the staff?

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suddenly lost their appetite?

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sent back part of their meal?

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at first felt uncomfortable eating on their own?

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enjoyed a drink more than they had expected?

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ate there because there was nowhere else they could go?

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enjoyed eating home cooking?

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spent a lot more money than they had intended?

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says one part of the meal was too hot?

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didn't mind having to wait for a table?

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found the food to be much better than they had expected?

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A Martin Ryan

I'm from a small village and I'd never actually eaten in a fast-food restaurant before. The place looked clean and the employees were smartly dressed, and after I'd ordered and received my meal on a tray I paid the bill, which seemed quite reasonable. I can't say the burger and chips were particularly exciting, though, and they must have left the apple pie in the microwave too long because it burnt my tongue, but I was pleasantly surprised by the quality of the orange juice. I thought the background music was well chosen, and I liked the fact I wasn't the only person eating by myself.

C Marco Foncseca

This was my first experience of Indian cooking and it certainly won't be my last. It was a small, welcoming restaurant where all the meals were made according to traditional recipes in the family kitchen that formed part of the house where they lived. The food was great, quite hot but certainly not too spicy, and what I liked most about it was the way everything had its own distinctive taste. It was so good that I ate an enormous amount, and really I should have stopped after I'd eaten the curry, but I couldn't resist having a huge dessert, too. That was a mistake because afterwards I felt a bit too full. Though any discomfort soon passed when I saw the bill, which was far lower than I'd expected.

E Sophie McPherson

I was staying in a hotel and I thought I'd try the restaurant there. There was a queue, which was a little annoying, and when I sat down I was aware I was the only person at a table for one, and the thought that people were looking at me was making me nervous. Then I thought 'So what? I'm here to enjoy myself,' and I did! I ordered the best items on the menu, food I'd always wanted to try, and soon forgot about the other people eating there. I was running up a massive bill, which was exactly what I'd told myself I wouldn't do, but I didn't care. I insisted on having everything done just the way I liked it, asking the waitress to replace some vegetables that were overcooked and a drink that wasn't quite cool enough, but when I'd finished, I gave her one of the most generous tips she'd ever had.

B Asha Kumar

I was on a coach near Paris when we pulled into a motorway service station, and as we wouldn't be stopping again all day, I had no choice but to have a meal in the only restaurant there. It was self-service, though for hot food you had to ask someone to serve you across the counter. That was a problem, because when I asked for fish, in my terrible French, he thought I meant the chicken. Anyway, I eventually got my meal, and sat down at a table with a view of a lorry park. The food, I thought, would be equally dull, but that wasn't the case at all. Superbly cooked, and with first-rate ingredients, it had nothing in common with motorway food elsewhere. Though maybe I shouldn't have been surprised as this, after all, was France.

D Hanif Badawi

The restaurant was recommended in the city guide, and although my friends and I had booked a table, when we arrived the head waiter apologised but said he couldn't seat us immediately. That actually suited me, as it gave me time to make a couple of phone calls, and when we eventually sat down, I felt quite relaxed. The soup was excellent, and when the waiters started bringing delicious-looking main courses for the others, I was really looking forward to mine. Until, that was, I saw what was on my plate. It didn't look properly cooked and I no longer felt hungry. I felt like sending it back but the waiters were very busy and I didn't want to put them to any trouble. Now I think I should have done, as I didn't enjoy it at all.