

# MAY I TAKE YOUR ORDER?

## ★ ALL STARS ★

Listen carefully to each audio and match them to the moments at the restaurant below. Listen more than once if necessary.

1)



ASKING FOR A TABLE

2)



DECIDE WHAT TO ORDER

3)



MAKE YOUR ORDER

4)



ASK FOR THE BILL

## MODALITY AND POLITENESS:

What do you remember about these concepts?

Look at the following sentences from the audios. What do the words in red mean and what do they convey?

**WOULD** YOU LIKE FRIES OR A SALAD?

**SHOULD** WE GET AN APPETIZER?

**IT WILL** BE A 20 MINUTES WAIT THEN

**WOULD** YOU LIKE ANYTHING FOR DESSERT?

We use Modal Verbs in English to express different possibilities in the present and in the future.

## FRIENDLY REMINDER!

In this examples, the modal verb **WILL** expresses a **future prediction** of the time for waiting. Then, in both sentences with the modal verb **WOULD**, the person is being polite using **the past version of WILL** for making an offer or asking for permission.

**REMEMBER:** In English, we use the **past versions** of the modal verbs to sound **MORE POLITE**.

Last, we have **SHOULD** that is not a past form and more **INFORMAL** for making a **suggestion** or a **recommendation** to another person.

We have other modal verbs like **MAY** to express possibility and permission and also **CAN** or its past version **COULD** (to sound **more polite**) also **to make a request** or asking for permission.



Read the following sentences with modal verbs and match them to the characters from the restaurant.



**CHEF**



**WAITER AND WAITRESS**



**CUSTOMER**

**1. May I take your order?**

**2. Should we drink red wine?**

**3. Would you bring me another beer?**

**4. May I talk to the chef, please?**

**5. You should try my recipe.**

**6. How would you like to pay madam?**

**7. I can't tell you my secret ingredient.**

**8. I will pay by debit card.**