

Listening: A1

## Booking a table

Listen to someone booking a table in a restaurant to practise and improve your listening skills.

### Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

### Preparation task

Put the times in the correct group.

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| Half past eight | Half eight    | Eight        |
| Eight thirty    | Eight o'clock | Seven thirty |

  

| 7.30 | 8.00 | 8.30 |
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### Tasks

#### Task 1

Choose the best answer.

- When is the table booked for?
  - Tonight
  - Tomorrow morning
  - Tomorrow night
- When the woman says, 'About eight, eight thirty', what does she mean?
  - At eight o'clock
  - At half past eight
  - Between eight o'clock and half past eight

3. What time is the first booking?
  - a. 7.30
  - b. 8.30
  - c. 9.00
4. How do you spell the person's name?
  - a. Jamei
  - b. Jamie
  - c. Janie
5. Where will the table be now?
  - a. By the door
  - b. Close to the kitchen
  - c. In the corner
6. What time is the new booking?
  - a. 6.00
  - b. 7.30
  - c. 8.00

## Task 2

Write a number (1–6) to put the questions in the same order as the telephone calls.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Is it possible to change the time?
- \_\_\_\_\_ What time would you like?
- \_\_\_\_\_ How many people is it for?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Can I make it for six people?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Can I book a table for tomorrow night?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is eight OK for you?

## Discussion

What's your favourite kind of restaurant?

## Transcript

**Staff:** Hello, Gino's.

**Jamie:** Hi. Can I book a table for tomorrow night, please?

**Staff:** How many people is it for?

**Jamie:** Four.

**Staff:** And what time would you like?

**Jamie:** About eight, eight thirty, please?

**Staff:** Let's see ... We're pretty busy tomorrow, so I can do half past seven, or nine.

**Jamie:** Oh. OK, then. Half seven, please.

**Staff:** And what name is it?

**Jamie:** Jamie.

**Staff:** J-A- ...?

**Jamie:** M-I-E

**Staff:** OK, so that's a table for four at half past seven tomorrow evening.

**Jamie:** Great. Thanks! Bye.

**Staff:** Bye.

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**Staff:** Hello, Gino's.

**Jamie:** Hi, I called earlier to book a table for four and I was wondering if I can make it for six instead?

**Staff:** What name was it?

**Jamie:** It's Jamie.

**Staff:** Table for four. At half past seven. So you want to change it to six o'clock?

**Jamie:** No, sorry. Can I make it for six people?

**Staff:** Oh, I see. Sorry! That shouldn't be a problem. I can move you to a bigger table but it will be nearer the kitchen. Is that OK?

**Jamie:** No problem. Is it possible to change the time as well? Make it a little bit later?

**Staff:** Ah ... yeah, we can. Is eight OK for you?

**Jamie:** Perfect, thanks!

**Staff:** Lovely. See you tomorrow, then.

**Jamie:** Thanks! Bye!