

Advice Column

problems about *restaurants*

- Read the problems below and discuss possible solutions.



Ask Anita!

Dear Anita,

My family and I moved to the United States last month and our friends tell us that we should leave a tip when we eat at a restaurant. How much money should we leave for the waiter or waitress after we finish our meal? Should we leave a tip in all kinds of restaurants, even fast food restaurants? And if we don't like the service, is it really necessary to leave a tip?

Emma

Dear Anita,

My friends and I want to open our own restaurant! My friend Chris is going to be the waiter, Dan is going to be the cashier, and I'm going to be the chef. We want to open the restaurant close to the college where we study – our classmates say they are always hungry. Can you give us any advice about the kind of atmosphere the restaurant should have, and the kind of food we should have on the menu? And do you think opening a restaurant is a good idea?

Michael

Dear Anita,

I live right next to a restaurant and I'm one of their best customers. I usually eat dinner there three or four times a week. I enjoy eating there but I think I spend too much money, and I think some of the food I order (like pizza and hamburgers) isn't very healthy. On the other hand, I'm too tired to cook after I come home from work. What advice can you give me?

Martha



- Compare your solutions with different classmates. Do you agree or disagree with their ideas?

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LISTENING PRACTICE PROBLEMS about RESTAURANTS



Listen to each person's problem and then choose A, B or C.

• Listening 1

(Emma)

- Emma and her family eat at a restaurant once a month.
 - TRUE
 - FALSE
 - She doesn't say.
- What does the word 'tip' mean when she talks about restaurants?
 - money
 - food
 - friends
- Emma and her family don't like the service at most restaurants.
 - TRUE
 - FALSE
 - She doesn't say.
- (A) What is Emma's problem?
(B) She doesn't know how much
 - money a fast food meal costs
 - food she should eat with her family
 - money to give to waiters and waitresses

• Listening 2

(Martha)

- Martha lives very close to a restaurant.
 - TRUE
 - FALSE
 - She doesn't say.
- When does she usually eat at a restaurant?
 - at noon
 - in the morning
 - in the evening
- What does Martha say is her favorite food?
 - hamburgers
 - pizza
 - She doesn't say.
- (A) What is Martha's problem?
(B) She
 - doesn't like to cook
 - eats at a restaurant too often
 - wants to learn how to cook pizzas

• Listening 3

(Michael)

- Michael and his friends are going to open a restaurant next month.
 - TRUE
 - FALSE
 - He doesn't say.
- How many of Michael's friends are going to help him?
 - three
 - two
 - four
- Where do Michael and his friends want to open their restaurant?
 - near their college
 - at their college
 - He doesn't say.
- One of Michael's problems is that he's not sure
 - if he should start a restaurant business
 - how to cook really good food
 - what the menu should look like