

More words you need...



- ▶ **a course** a part of a meal
- ▶ **a main course** the biggest part of a meal

- ▶ **a side order** a small amount of a particular food that you order with a main course. It comes on a separate plate.
- ▶ **a starter** a small amount of food that you eat at the start of a meal

Useful adjectives for describing food



creamy with cream in, or tasting like cream:

- ▶ *a nice, creamy dessert*

delicious very good to eat:

- ▶ *That was a delicious meal.*

hot containing spices which make the mouth burn:

- ▶ *a hot sauce*

salty containing a lot of salt:

- ▶ *The food was too salty.*

spicy containing a lot of spices:

- ▶ *a spicy sauce*

Exercise 3

Use the sentences (a–h) to complete the dialogues. Listen and check.

Lucy: What did you have for dinner?

Philip: ¹ c

Lucy: Was it good?

Philip: ² _____

Lucy: What was your dessert?

Philip: ³ _____

Lucy: Did you have a starter?

Philip: ⁴ _____

- a It was delicious!
- b No, two courses is enough for me!
- c I had chicken in a creamy sauce with a side order of fresh vegetables.
- d I had chocolate ice cream.

Kelly: Did you eat out with Erika?

Jacob: ⁵ _____

Kelly: What was the food like?

Jacob: ⁶ _____

Kelly: That's a shame. What was your main course?

Jacob: ⁷ _____

Kelly: Did you manage to eat it?

Jacob: ⁸ _____

- e Beef in a very spicy sauce.
- f I didn't like it especially. I found it a bit too salty.
- g Yes, we went to that new restaurant on Elm Street.
- h Only half of it. The portions were so big.

In a restaurant



To tell the person you are eating with which dish you have chosen, say:

- ▶ *I'm having the fish. I'm having the lamb.*

If you do not know what to have, say:

- ▶ *I haven't decided yet.*

To ask someone what they have chosen to eat, say:

- ▶ *What are you having?*

If you like the way a menu describes a particular dish, say:

- ▶ *The pizza sounds good./The desserts sound good here!*

To ask someone about the food they are eating, say:

- ▶ *What's the soup like?*

Exercise 4

Match the sentences (1–6) with the replies (a–f).

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| 1 This sauce is very hot! | a It's delicious! |
| 2 What are you having, Kim? | b Usually, just a bowl of cereal. |
| 3 What's the soup like, Chris? | c Oh, I haven't decided yet. |
| 4 What do you have for breakfast? | d Would you like a side order of chips? |
| 5 The fish in a white wine sauce sounds good. | e I know – my mouth is burning! |
| 6 I'm having the lamb! | f Yes, it does. I think I'll have that! |

Use the words you've learned...

Imagine you are eating out in a restaurant. Think about the food you are eating. Then practise talking about it.