Reading skills practice: Food and restaurants – exercises

Do you like eating out? Check out these reviews of the trendiest places to eat and improve your reading skills.

Preparation

Write the names of the food and drink in the boxes below the picture.

pizza	steak	hamburger	fish
cappuccino	fruit smoothie	English breakfast	pasta

Eating out

Are you looking for somewhere special to go this weekend? Do you want to try something new? Check out one of these hot new restaurants.

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This week's top recommendation

Last Days of the Raj

A centrally located Indian restaurant, perfect for eating before or after the cinema or a show. In summer enjoy your meal in the beautiful garden. The most popular dishes are lamb and chicken cooked with mild, medium or hot spices. For brave customers there is extra hot!

A Taste of Tuscany

Whether you'd like a great value-for-money lunch or a relaxed evening meal in stylish surroundings, this is the place for you. The chefs have all been trained in Italy and they make both traditional and contemporary dishes. We recommend the pasta and seafood.

Your Local Caff

Remember when cafés served full English breakfasts – sausages, beans, fried bread, bacon and eggs – with a strong cup of tea? Well, this place still does and you can have your breakfast at any time you like during the day while you listen to your favourite tunes from the 1980s.

The Lemon Tree

This pretty restaurant serves healthy food that's tasty too. Come in for a vegetarian snack at lunchtime or a great fruit smoothie or a cappuccino and a delicious piece of cake in the afternoon. Food is bought from local producers whenever possible.

Cheesy Bites

A restaurant that only serves cheese, but hundreds of cheeses from many countries and in lots of different forms. They serve reasonably priced lunches but dinner can be expensive. Lovely food and a very elegant dining room, looking onto an amazing flower garden.

Fast Best

Fast food doesn't have to be junk food, as this café proves. Do you fancy a really good hamburger made with the best ingredients, or old-fashioned fish and chips fried to perfection, all on the table in super-quick time? Speed and quality are important here, and the prices aren't bad either.

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The Chocolate Box

The owner of this small café used to cook all kinds of food, but then she realised she preferred desserts to anything else. If you want meat or fish, don't come here. They only do desserts! Lots of different kinds of sweets. Chocolate lovers will be excited by the range of chocolate cakes.

Musical Chairs

Have you noticed how music improves the taste of your food? This new restaurant has different types of live music every night except Sundays, and excellent food to go with it. Great fish dishes, steak and pizza. Monday is classic rock night, so see you there!

LIVEWORKSHEETS

1. Check your understanding: matching

Match the people with the best restaurant for them. Write the restaurant names below.

Your Local Caff	The Lemon Tree	Fast Best
The Chocolate Box	Last Days of the Raj	A Taste of Tuscany

1. My girlfriend and I are vegetarian. Could you recommend a suitable restaurant for us?

   Tom, aged 18

   Restaurant: _____

2. My friend has a sweet tooth and I want to take her somewhere special this weekend.

   Lucy, aged 16

   Restaurant: _____

3. My mates and I all love spicy food. Can you recommend somewhere good for us to go tonight?

   Dino, aged 21

   Restaurant: _____

4. I only get 30 minutes off for lunch and I'm in a hurry. Where can I get something quick to eat?

   Melissa, aged 27

   Restaurant: _____

5. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day in my opinion. Do you know anywhere that serves a good brekkie?

   Micky, aged 38

   Restaurant: _____

6. We love Italian food, especially pasta. Everyone loves Italian, don't they? Any good Italians near here?

   Momo, aged 22

   Restaurant: _____

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2. Check your understanding: multiple selection

Write the names of restaurants from the article in the box.

1. Which restaurant(s) serve hot and spicy food?
2. Which restaurant(s) only have desserts and sweets?
3. In which restaurant(s) can you listen to some great music?
4. Which restaurant(s) are good for people who don't eat meat?
5. Which restaurant(s) employ staff trained in Europe?
6. Which restaurant(s) serve an all-day breakfast including sausages, bacon and eggs?

Vocabulary Box	Write any new words you have learned in this lesson.

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