

Christmas Food- Restaurant Roleplays

Work in groups of three or four. Roleplay choosing a Christmas dinner in a restaurant using the menu and/ or situations below. One person is the waiter/ waitress and the other people are the diners. The diners should also discuss what they want to eat before ordering. Your teacher will tell you if you can use the mixed questions and/ or the questions divided by person to help you.

Mixed questions for diners and servers

- Are you allergic to anything/ to...?
- Are you ready to order?
- Can I get you anything to drink?
- Can I have (another)...?/ Could I have (another)...?
- Can you recommend...?
- Can you...?/ Could you...?
- Could I have one more/ some more..., please?
- Could we have the check/ bill, please?
- Do you eat...?
- Do you have (any)...?
- Do you have anything (suitable for)...?
- Do you like...?
- Do you need...?
- Does it have... in it?
- Does the... come with...?
- Have you ever tried...?
- How do you feel about...?
- How is it cooked?
- Is it filling/ fatty/ vegetarian/...?
- Is... similar to...?
- Is... suitable for vegetarians/ children/...?
- Is... the same as...?
- May I take your order?
- Sorry, where is/ are...?
- What is...?
- What would you like as a main course?
- What's in...?/ What's... made from?/ What's... made of?
- What's the difference between... and...?
- Will that be all?
- Would you like dessert/ a starter/ something to drink/ another drink/...?
- Would you like...(or...) with that?/ Would you like it with... (or...)?

Label the phrases above with *W* for waiter/ waitress (talking to the diners) or *D* for diner (talking to the waiter/ waitress or other diners). They should clearly be one or the other, but write *WD* if you think both are possible.

Possible questions for diners

- Are you allergic to anything/ to...?
- Can I have (another)...?/ Could I have (another)...?
- Can you recommend...?
- Can you...?/ Could you...?
- Could I have one more/ some more..., please?
- Could we have the check/ bill, please?
- Do you eat...?
- Do you have (any)...?
- Do you have anything (suitable for)...?
- Do you like...?
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- Does it have... in it?
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- Have you ever tried...?
- How do you feel about...?
- How is it cooked?
- Is it filling/ fatty/ vegetarian/...?
- Is... similar to...?
- Is... suitable for vegetarians/ children/...?
- Is... the same as...?
- Sorry, where is/ are...?
- What is...?
- What's in...?/ What's... made from?/ What's... made of?
- What's the difference between... and...?

Possible questions for servers

- Are you ready to order?
- Can I get you anything to drink?
- May I take your order?
- What would you like as a main course?
- Will that be all?
- Would you like dessert/ a starter/ something to drink/ another drink/...?
- Would you like...(or...) with that?/ Would you like it with... (or...)?

Xmas menu for restaurant roleplays

- sliced roast turkey
- roast turkey leg
- roast goose
- nut roast
- reindeer

Sides

- stuffing
- chipolata sausages wrapped in bacon
- roast potatoes
- mashed potato
- roast parsnips
- boiled carrots
- boiled peas
- boiled Brussel sprouts

Sauces and condiments

- gravy
- bread sauce
- cranberry sauce
- French mustard
- English mustard

Desserts

- Christmas pudding with vanilla ice cream, spray cream or brandy sauce
- mince pies with fresh double cream or custard
- Christmas cake
- Stollen
- Christmas log
- After Eights
- chocolate coins

Drinks

- eggnog
- mulled wine
- brandy
- Champagne
- winter ale

Xmas restaurant roleplay situation cards

Half of you are vegetarian.
Half of you are on a diet.
Half of you want to eat traditional food and the others want to eat something different.
You want a traditional Xmas dinner but not everyone is very hungry.
You all have different food allergies.
Everyone strongly dislikes at least one Xmas food.
At least some of the food needs to be kosher/ halal.
A small child will also be eating with you.
You have a very limited budget (= not much money).
You can't wait very long for the food, so can't order anything that will take a long time.
You have different ideas on what to order.
You don't understand some things on the menu.
You've never had a traditional Xmas dinner and so don't know what goes together.
You want to food which isn't on the menu (e.g. pumpkin pie).

One of you has planned Xmas dinner for tomorrow and so doesn't want anything similar.

Some dishes have already sold out.

Some dishes aren't cooked/ served the traditional way, so the waiter needs to explain.

It isn't obvious if things come together or need to be ordered separately.

Check the ingredients of some of the dishes.

You want to order some dishes but are allergic to at least one of the ingredients.