

Guests and hosts in restaurants key words and card games

Listen to your teacher saying some typical restaurant language used between you and a foreign guest when you take them out for dinner. Without looking at the list below for now, decide if each line is said by a guest or a host and raise the right one of the two cards which you have been given.

Label each section below with G for guest or H for host. The ones in each section are the same, so you don't need to label each individual line.

Check your answers as a class.

Play the same raising cards game in pairs or small groups.

Ask about any phrases you don't understand above.

Cards for students to hold up

Host	Guest

Are you **allergic** to anything?

Do you **like** spicy/ sweet/ sour/ bitter/raw/ Asian food?/ What kind of food do you **like**?

Are you **ready** for dessert?

Would you like to **see** the dessert menu?

Can we order this one?

Would be **okay** to choose this one?

Do people eat this **kind** of food all the time?/ Do people cook this **kind** of thing at home?

Do you know how to **make** this one?

Do people generally order **together**?

Should we order different things **each**?

How about **trying** this main course?

I'd **recommend** this starter.

How do I eat this one?

Am I eating this one the right **way**?

How's your steak?

Is it what you **expected**?

Actually, I have to **go out** for dinner tonight too, so I'd better not.

If you don't mind, I'd **prefer** something a bit less filling/ spicy/ exotic/ adventurous.

I think I'd like to **try** this one.

This one looks/ sounds **nice**.

I think **you'd** like/ enjoy this side dish./ If you like that, then **you'd** love...

You **really** should/ **really** must try this dessert.

I'll definitely come back here **again**.

I'll recommend this place to my **colleagues**.

I'll have to see if I can **find** the same thing back home.

You must email me the **recipe** for this so I can try and cook it at home.

I'm afraid I **don't** drink/ eat pork/ eat shellfish/ eat beef/ eat meat/ eat seafood.

I might stick to **soft** drinks, actually.

Is anything on the menu **vegetarian**?/ Is this dish **vegetarian**, do you know?

Is there anything which isn't **too** spicy?

Is there anything you **can't** eat?

Is there anything you **don't** eat?

Is this popular in your **country**, do you know?
Is this available back **home**, do you think?

It all sounds/ looks so nice. I'll **let** you decide./ I'll **let** you order (for both of us).
I'll have **whatever** you're having.

It goes well **with** this sauce./ We usually eat it **with** vegetables.
We usually **share** dishes, if that is okay.

It's on **me**.
(No, no, I insist). You are my **guest** today.

Please **help** yourself.
Please go **ahead**.

Shall we get a **starter**?
What would you like for a **main** course?

Thank you very much for your **hospitality**. I'll do the same for you some time.
You are too **kind**! You must let me take you out in return.

Thanks, that was **delicious**.
Thanks a lot, that was **lovely**.

That's very kind, but I **couldn't** eat another thing.
I would, but I'm afraid I'm absolutely **stuffed**.

This looks interesting. Do you **know** what it is?
What's **in** this one, do you know?/ What's it **made** from?

This looks like a nice **place**. Do you come here often?
The décor is great. Is this **typical** for this kind of place?

What does this one **taste** like?
Do you think I'd **like** this one?

What was this one **called** again?
Do you know where the **bathroom**/ **restroom**/ powder **room** is?

What would you like to **drink**?
Would you like to **try** this local speciality?

Would you like **another** drink?/ Shall I order **another** dish?
Would you like anything **else** to drink/ eat?

Would you **recommend** the fish?/ What would you **recommend** as a main dish?
Have you **tried** this one before?

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Brainstorming stage

Without looking above for now, try to remember or think of at least two sentences for each of these categories. Phrases which aren't above are also fine, as long as they have the same functions as are written below.

Host

Offering

Asking for information about the guest

Recommending/ Suggesting

Chatting about the food and restaurant/ Just making conversation

Guest
Asking for information about the food

Requesting

Refusing/ Turning down an offer

Chatting about the food and restaurant/ Just making conversation

Complimenting/ Thanking

Key words

Use the key words above to help with task above. Please write any other phrases you can think of above, not next to the key words below.

Host**Offering**

- starter
- main
- drink
- try
- help
- ahead
- another
- else
- ready
- see
- me
- guest

Asking for information about the guest

- allergic
- like
- can't
- don't

Recommending/ Suggesting

- trying
- recommend
- you'd
- really
- with
- share

Chatting about the food and restaurant/ Just making conversation

- how
- expected
- country
- home

Guest**Asking for information about the food**

- recommend
- tried
- know
- in



- made
- taste
- like
- vegetarian
- too
- together
- each
- how
- way
- called
- room

Requesting

- can
- okay
- try
- nice
- let
- whatever

Refusing/ Turning down an offer

- go out
- prefer
- don't
- soft
- couldn't
- stuffed

Chatting about the food and restaurant/ Just making conversation

- place
- typical
- kind
- make

Complimenting/ Thanking

- delicious
- lovely
- hospitality
- kind
- find
- recipe
- again
- colleagues

Suggested answers

Note that other answers are possible, including with the same key words.

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Offering

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- What would you like for a **main** course?
- What would you like to **drink**?
- Would you like to **try** this local speciality?
- Please **help** yourself.
- Please go **ahead**.
- Would you like **another** drink?/ Shall I order **another** dish?
- Would you like anything **else** to drink/ eat?
- Are you **ready** for dessert?
- Would you like to **see** the dessert menu?
- It's on **me**.
- (No, no, I insist). You are my **guest** today.

Asking for information about the guest

- Are you **allergic** to anything?
- Do you **like** spicy/ sweet/ sour/ bitter/raw/ Asian food?/ What kind of food do you **like**?
- Is there anything you **can't** eat?
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Recommending/ Suggesting

- How about **trying** this main course?
- I'd **recommend** this starter.
- I think **you'd** like/ enjoy this side dish./ If you like that, then **you'd** love...
- You **really** should/ **really** must try this dessert.
- It goes well **with** this sauce./ We usually eat it **with** vegetables.
- We usually **share** dishes, if that is okay.

Chatting about the food and restaurant/ Just making conversation

- **How's** your steak?
- Is it what you **expected**?
- Is this popular in your **country**, do you know?
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Guest

Asking for information about the food

- Would you **recommend** the fish?/ What would you **recommend** as a main dish?
- Have you **tried** this one before?
- This looks interesting. Do you **know** what it is?
- What's **in** this one, do you know?/ What's it **made** from?
- What does this one **taste** like?

- Do you think I'd **like** this one?
- Is anything on the menu **vegetarian**?/ Is this dish **vegetarian**, do you know?
- Is there anything which isn't **too** spicy?
- Do people generally order **together**?
- Should we order different things **each**?
- **How** do I eat this one?
- Am I eating this one the right **way**?
- What was this one **called** again?
- Do you know where the **bathroom**/ **restroom**/ powder **room** is?

Requesting

- **Can** we order this one?
- Would be **okay** to choose this one?
- I think I'd like to **try** this one.
- This one looks/ sounds **nice**.
- It all sounds/ looks so nice. I'll **let** you decide./ I'll **let** you order (for both of us).
- I'll have **whatever** you're having.

Refusing/ Turning down an offer

- Actually, I have to **go out** for dinner tonight too, so I'd better not.
- If you don't mind, I'd **prefer** something a bit less filling/ spicy/ exotic/ adventurous.
- I'm afraid I **don't** drink/ eat pork/ eat shellfish/ eat beef/ eat meat/ eat seafood.
- I might stick to **soft** drinks, actually.
- That's very kind, but I **couldn't** eat another thing.
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Chatting about the food and restaurant/ Just making conversation

- This looks like a nice **place**. Do you come here often?
- The décor is great. Is this **typical** for this kind of place?
- Do people eat this **kind** of food all the time?/ Do people cook this **kind** of thing at home?
- Do you know how to **make** this one?

Complimenting/ Thanking

- Thanks, that was **delicious**.
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- Thank you very much for your **hospitality**. I'll do the same for you some time.
- You are too **kind**! You must let me take you out in return.
- I'll have to see if I can **find** the same thing back home.
- You must email me the **recipe** for this so I can try and cook it at home.
- I'll definitely come back here **again**.
- I'll recommend this place to my **colleagues**.

Test each other in pairs or small groups:

- Play the card game again
- See if your partner can remember the key words from one category above
- Help your partner make all the phrases from one category above, giving them hints such as key words if they get stuck
- Play the card games below

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Guests and hosts key words card game

Work in groups of two to four people. Deal out the pack of cards that you are given. Pretend you are in a restaurant and roleplay the conversation between (one or more) guests and (one or more) hosts. Try to use the words on your cards during your conversation. If your partner accepts that you used the phrase in the right way, you can discard that card. The person with the fewest cards at the end of the game is the winner.

again	ahead	allergy/ allergic	(an)other
call(ed)	can('t)/ could(n't)	colleague(s)	country
delicious	don't	drink	each
else	expect(ed)	find	go
guest	help	home	hospitality
how	kind	know	let
like	lovely	main	make/ made
me	nice	okay	place
prefer	ready	really	recipe
recommend(ation)	room	see	share
soft	start(er)	stuffed	taste
together	too	try(ing)/ tried	typical
vegetarian	way	whatever	you'd

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Guests and hosts functions card game

Work in groups of two to four people. Deal out the pack of cards that you are given. Pretend you are in a restaurant and roleplay the conversation between (one or more) guests and (one or more) hosts. Try to do the things written on your cards during your conversation. If your partner accepts that you have done that thing in the right way, you can discard that card. The person with the fewest cards at the end of the game is the winner.

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Chatting about the food and restaurant			
Complimenting	Complimenting	Complimenting	Complimenting
Making conversation	Making conversation	Making conversation	Making conversation
Offering	Offering	Offering	Offering
Recommending/ Suggesting	Recommending/ Suggesting	Recommending/ Suggesting	Recommending/ Suggesting
Refusing	Refusing	Refusing	Refusing
Requesting	Requesting	Requesting	Requesting
Thanking	Thanking	Thanking	Thanking