

**Positive and Negative Responses- Restaurant Language Games**

*Choose one of the questions below and ask it to your partner. They will flip a coin and respond positively if heads is top and respond negatively if tails (the side with a number) is top.*

*Ask about any questions below that you don't understand or aren't sure how to answer.*

**Brainstorming stage**

*Without looking below, brainstorm questions which each of these people might ask:*

**Server/ Waiting staff**

**Host**

**Guest**

*Look below for more ideas. Some phrases can go in more than one place, but none of the questions can go in all three sections.*

- Are you allergic to anything?
- Are you okay with chopsticks/ with...?
- Are you ready to order?
- Can I have another spoon/...?
- Can we smoke here?
- Can you recommend a main dish/...?
- Can you send me a recipe for this one? I'd love to cook it when I get back home.
- Do people usually share?
- Do you come here often?
- Do you eat meat?
- Do you have a reservation?
- Do you know how this one is cooked?
- Do you know what wasabi is/ what... is?
- Do you know where the bathroom is?
- Do you like spicy food/...?
- Do you need an ashtray/...?
- Do you recommend the fish/...?
- Do they have anything vegan/...?
- Does... go well with...?
- Does it come with chips/ with...?
- Does this have... in it?
- Have you been to this restaurant before?
- Have you heard of okonomiyaki/...?
- Have you tried the stew/ the...?
- How about coming to...?/ Why don't we... together?
- How's your meal/ your steak/...?
- Is everything okay?
- Is it spicy?
- Is it too spicy for you?
- Is there anything you can't eat/ don't like?
- Is this a typical... restaurant?
- Is this available in your country?
- Is this popular/ traditional/ common?
- Is this similar to...?
- Is this table okay?
- Is this the one called...?
- Please, let me pay.
- Please order anything you like.
- Shall I bring the bill/ another jug of water/...?
- Shall I order for all of us/ pour you another drink/...?
- Shall we split the bill?
- This one is on me.
- What do you think about the smell/ about...?
- Would you like a dessert/ a starter/ anything to drink/ any side dishes (with that)?
- Would you like to see the wine menu/ dessert menu/...?

*Without looking above, brainstorm useful language for doing each of these things:*  
**Inviting**

### **Asking for information/ Requesting**

### **Offering**

*Look above for help, then brainstorm more.*

*Which function above does “Please + verb” have? Why isn’t it suitable for requests?*

*How can you respond positively and negatively to each of those functions?*

*Work in groups of three or four with one server, one host, and the other person or people as guests. Roleplay a whole restaurant conversation, flipping a coin each time a positive or negative answer is possible to decide how you will respond each time.*

*Do the same, but this time rolling a dice to decide if you will respond negatively (1 or 2), respond positively (3 or 4) or reply later after thinking about it, asking for advice etc (5 or 6).*