

**"At the Restaurant"  
Dialogue**

A - May I take your order?

B - Yes. I'd like the chicken and a side order of corn.

A - And what would you like to drink?

B - I'd like a cup of coffee, please.

A - And what would you like to order?

C - I'll take the spaghetti and a salad.

A - What would you like to drink?

C - Just water, please.

*(after the meal)*

A - Would you like something for dessert?

B - Yes, I'll have the cake, please. Would you like something?

C - No thanks. I'm full.

*(after dessert)*

B - Could we have the check, please?

A - Yes, here it is.

B - Hmmm. \$23.55. Here you are.

A - Thank you. Come again.

B - Thank you. Goodbye.

<b>MENU</b>	
<i><b>Appetizers</b></i>	<i><b>Desserts</b></i>
shrimp cocktail	cake
nachos	ice cream
	pie
<i><b>Entrees</b></i>	<i><b>Beverages</b></i>
steak	tea
fish	coffee
chicken	soda
spaghetti	orange juice
pizza	
hamburger	
<i><b>Side Orders</b></i>	
corn	
broccoli	
French fries	
salad	
soup	



Learning English At The Restaurant

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GLACfxlmfT4>

# At a Restaurant

## Choosing a Good Restaurant

**A:** Devi, have you thought about where would you like to go to dinner on Friday for your birthday?

**B:** I am not sure. I don't know that many restaurants around here.

**A:** You know, we could look online at the local Internet sites.

**B:** Good. Let's take a look!

**A:** What kind of food would you like for your birthday?

**B:** I enjoy Thai or Japanese the best.

**A:** This one, Shogun, looks good.

**B:** Oh yes, I've heard of that one. Everyone I've spoken with says that it is great!

**A:** Would you like to go there then?

**B:** I think that that would be a really good choice! Let's call and make a reservation.

## Making a Reservation

**A:** Shogun Restaurant.

**B:** Hi, I would like to make a dinner reservation.

**A:** Of course, what evening will you be joining us on?

**B:** We will need the reservation for Tuesday night.

**A:** What time would you like the reservation for?

**B:** We would prefer 7:00 or 7:30.

**A:** How many people will you need the reservation for?

**B:** There will be 4 of us.

**A:** Fine, I can seat you at 7:00 on Tuesday, if you would kindly give me your name.

**B:** Thank you. The last name is Foster.

**A:** See you at 7:00 this Tuesday, Mr. Foster.

**B:** Thank you so much. I appreciate your help.

## Being Seated at the Restaurant

**A:** Good evening, sir, and welcome to Chez Attitude.

**B:** We have a dinner reservation for four at 7:00 under the name of Foster.

**A:** Yes, Mr. Foster, if you would please be seated over in the waiting area, our hostess will be with you in a moment.

**B:** Thank you. Would it be OK if we have a cocktail while we are waiting?

**A:** Of course, I will tell her.

**B:** I would really prefer an outside table. Would that be possible?

**A:** Sure, if you would like one of those tables, I could seat you right away.

**B:** Sure, that would be great! Thank you!

**A:** Here are your menus and the wine menu, and would you like to order your drinks now?

**B:** Yes, I would like a vodka gimlet, please.

**A:** Sure, no problem, sir.

**B:** Thank you very much.

## Ordering Food and Drinks

**A:** Can I start you off with anything to drink?

**B:** Yes, may I have some water, please?

**A:** Sure, would you like any appetizers today?

**B:** May I get an order of barbeque wings?

**A:** No problem, can I get you anything else?

**B:** No, thank you, that'll be all for now.

**A:** Let me know when you're ready to order your food.

**B:** I'm ready.

**A:** What can I get you?

**B:** May I have the fettuccini Alfredo?

**A:** Will that be all?

**B:** Yes, that's it.

## Ordering Appetizers

**A:** I am your waitress, Mary.

**B:** Hello, Mary. We are all pretty hungry tonight!

**A:** While you are looking over the menu, can I interest you in an appetizer?

**B:** An appetizer sounds good. Do you have a special menu?

**A:** They are listed on the first page of the menu.

**B:** The coconut shrimp looks good. Have you ever had that?

**A:** Yes, it is excellent!

**B:** Good, I'll take that then.

**A:** Would you like to split that and choose another appetizer for half price to share?

**B:** Good. In that case, we'll also take an order of onion rings. Thank you!

## Ordering Main Entree

**A:** Have you had enough time to look over the menu?

**B:** Yes, we are almost ready to order.

**A:** Let me remind you of the specials of the day, which are posted on the board.

**B:** Oh, that all sounds so good! Can we get the sauce on the side?

**A:** Yes, we would be happy to prepare the food to meet your special needs.

**B:** I was wondering if you have any vegetarian choices.

**A:** Yes, the roasted vegetable salad is good, and the portabella mushroom burger is also a good choice.

**B:** I think that I would like to order the broccoli noodles, please.

**A:** That is an excellent choice, and I could bring you your salads now or bring them with your dinner.

**B:** Please bring our salads to us now. We are hungry!

## Ordering Drinks

**A:** May I take your drink order while you are looking over your menu?

**B:** Yes, do you have a wine list?

**A:** The wine list is on the second page of your menu.

**B:** Do you have mixed drinks in this restaurant?

**A:** Yes, we have a full bar here.

**B:** I am not sure what I want. Do you have any house specials?

**A:** Actually, we are famous for our Cuervo Gold margaritas.

**B:** That sounds good! Please bring me one of those.

**A:** Would you like that drink blended or on the rocks?

**B:** I would like it blended.

**A:** Would you like it with salt or no salt?

**B:** I would like my margarita with no salt, thank you.

## Ordering Dessert

**A:** Did you enjoy your meal?

**B:** Yes, we really enjoyed it.

**A:** May I interest you in some dessert?

**B:** Yes, that sounds great.

**A:** We have chocolate mousse cake, and a spicy rum apple crisp for our specials.

**B:** The apple crisp sounds great.

**A:** Since there are four of you, would you like to split a second dessert?

**B:** Good suggestion. Could you please bring us a chocolate mousse cake and four dessert forks, please?

**A:** Would you like coffee or tea with your dessert?

**B:** Let's have four coffees, please.

**A:** OK. I will be right back with your desserts and drinks.

**B:** Thank you! We have really enjoyed our meal here.

## A Mistake by the Waitress

**A:** Here is your breakfast!

**B:** Thanks so much. Miss, I believe I ordered my eggs scrambled, and these are fried.

**A:** Sorry, your friend over there ordered fried eggs, and I gave you his by mistake.

**B:** Oh yeah. Here, I will just trade with him.

**A:** Here are your pancakes, sir.

**B:** But I ordered waffles!

**A:** I am so sorry!

**B:** That's OK. I will eat my eggs and bacon, and you can take my pancakes back.

**A:** Good, sir. I will take care of that right away.

**B:** Thank you so much!

## Good Tips for Good Service

**A:** Do you want some dessert?

**B:** No thanks. We just need our check. Have you seen the waitress?

**A:** Here comes our waitress with our check.

**B:** The service here has been really great, don't you think?

**A:** Yes, the service was quite good.

**B:** So, let's look at the check. The total is \$36.00.

**A:** How much do you think we should leave for a tip?

**B:** Usually people leave 15 percent, but this was exceptional service. I am thinking that maybe 20 percent would be appropriate.

**A:** I agree that 20 percent would be just about right.

**B:** OK, so that will bring her tip to \$7.20. Add it to the \$36.00 and the total is \$43.20.

**A:** Yes, what a nice dinner that was!

**B:** We'll have to make sure to come back here again real soon.

## Little Tips for Bad Service

**A:** Do you want some dessert?

**B:** No thanks. We just need our check. Have you seen the waitress?

**A:** Where is our waitress anyway?

**B:** Yes, the service hasn't been the best. Is that our waitress over there?

**A:** I'll walk over and get the bill, since I don't think the waitress is coming over here any time soon.

**B:** Good idea. Just bring it back and we'll figure it out together.

**A:** So the bill is \$36.00.

**B:** How much do you think we should leave for a tip?

**A:** My first inclination is to leave nothing for a tip.

**B:** I agree, but we don't really know the whole story. There may have been problems in the kitchen beyond her control.

**A:** Let's leave 10%, so that we at least leave something for the service.

**B:** I agree. We will leave \$3.60 for the tip.

## Talking Negatively about the Restaurant

**A:** So how did you like the restaurant?

**B:** Actually, it could have been better.

**A:** What didn't you like about it?

**B:** It is a new restaurant. I don't think they have their act together yet.

**A:** What did you think about the food?

**B:** I felt that the food was pretty mediocre.

**A:** The service wasn't that great, either.

**B:** I agree. The service was not good.

**A:** Do you think that you want to try this restaurant another time?

**B:** No, I think that I've had enough of this restaurant.