

Unit 12 Eating Out



Asking the Concierge for Restaurant Advice

Listening for information (1)

- Listen to the dialogue between Naomi and the concierge and try to understand it without looking at the words in your book.
- Now you can look at the Key Words while the teacher explains them.

Naomi: Hello. I need your help again, if you don't mind. I'd like to eat out at a good restaurant tomorrow evening. Could you recommend one?

Concierge: I'm always at your service! What is your budget for the dinner?

N: I'm prepared to spend up to £ 50.

C: Well, in that case, may I suggest QQ Brasserie? It's a very popular tourist spot, with great food and music.

N: That sounds good! Could you tell me how to get there?

C: Of course, madam. It's in the City of London. Take the Tube to Bank station. It's only 5 minute walk from the station. The address is 18 Lombard Street, London EC3V 9AA.

N: Do you know the phone number?

C: Let me check my book. . . Yes, it's 20-7929-6611. And their opening hours are from 5:30pm to 10pm.

N: Thank you very much. I'll call them and get a reservation.

Key Words

recommend

be at sb's service

budget

be prepared to

advise: say that something is good

be available to help someone

the money available

be willing to

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Getting a Reservation at a Restaurant



Listening for information (2)

- Listen to the dialogue between Naomi and a restaurant staff and try to understand it without looking at the words in your book.
- Now you can look at the Key Words while the teacher explains them.

Restaurant Staff: Thank you for calling QQ Brasserie. How may I help you?

Naomi: I'd like to reserve a table for one.

RS: For which day and for what time?

N: It's for tomorrow at 7 o'clock.

RS: And the name on the reservation?

N: Abe. A-B-E.

RS: And a phone number where we can reach you, please?

N: 20-7850-0500.

RS: Okay. Let me repeat back to you the information I have. This is a reservation for tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock. A table for one. Ms Abe. Is that correct?

N: Yes, that's right.

RS: Very good. We'll reserve a table for you.

N: Thank you very much.

RS: We'll see you tomorrow, Ms Abe. Thank you.

Key Words

correct *having no mistakes*
Ms (UK) =Ms. (US) *used before a woman's family name when she doesn't want to be called 'Mrs' or 'Miss', or when you don't know whether she is married or not.*

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Ordering a Meal



Listening for information (3)

- Listen to the dialogue between Naomi and a waiter and try to understand it without looking at the words in your book.
- Now you can look at the Key Words while the teacher explains them.

Waiter: Good evening and welcome to QQ Brasserie. Are you ready to order?

Naomi: Yes, I think so. I'll have home made soup as a starter.

W: And for the main course?

N: I'll have the fillet steak, please.

W: Well-done, medium or rare?

N: Medium, please. With potatoes and vegetables.

W: And would you like anything to drink?

N: I'd like some red wine. Is there a good French wine you can recommend?

W: Well, the Asda Beaujolais 2009 is very nice.

N: All right, a bottle of the Asda Beaujolais then, please.

W: Thank you.

W: Is everything all right, madam?

N: Yes, thank you. That was very nice.

W: Would you like a dessert?

N: Just a single espresso, please. And could I have the bill, please?

W: Certainly, madam.

Key Words

meal	<i>any of the regular daily occasions when food is eaten, or the food you eat on that occasion</i>
ready	<i>prepared</i>
starter (UK)	<i>=appetizer (US) ; a small amount of food eaten at the start of a meal</i>
well-done	<i>meat cooked thoroughly</i>
rare	<i>meat cooked for a short time and still red</i>
dessert	<i>sweet food served after the main part of a meal</i>
bill	<i>= check</i>

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