

**Guests and hosts in restaurants key words and card games**

*Without looking below, listen to your teacher saying some typical restaurant language used between you and a foreign guest when you take them out for dinner. Decide if each line is said by a guest or is said by a host, and race to 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 said by the same person, so you don't need to label each individual line.*

*Check your answers as a class, then play the same raising cards game in pairs or small groups.*

*Ask about any phrases you don't understand.*

**Cards for students to hold up**

Host	Guest
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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 it 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 **nice**./ This one 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** (too), do you know?  
Is this available back **home** (too), do you think?

It all sounds so nice. I'll **let** you decide./ It all looks so nice. 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.

Thank you (very much), 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?

**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 below to write more useful phrases above (not writing 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

*Check as a class or with the suggested answers below.*

## Suggested answers

*Other answers are possible, including with the same key words, so please check if you wrote something different.*

### Host

#### Offering

- Shall we get a **starter**?
- 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?
- Is there anything you **don't** eat?

#### 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** (too), do you know?
- Is this available back **home** (too), do you think?

### 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 it be **okay** to choose this one?
- I think I'd like to **try** this one.
- This one looks **nice**./ This one sounds **nice**.
- It all sounds so nice. I'll **let** you decide./ It all looks so nice. 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.
- I would, but I'm afraid I'm absolutely **stuffed**.

### 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

- Thank you (very much), that was **delicious**.
- Thanks a lot, that was **lovely**.
- 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 on the language above:

- Play the raising cards game again
- Say gapped phrases from one section for your partner to complete
- Say key words from one section for your partner to make phrases from



### 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 or look at the cards below. 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 or tick that word off below. The person with the fewest cards left or most words ticked off 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

### Guests and hosts functions card game

Work in groups of two to four people. Deal out the pack of cards that you are given or look at the cards below. 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 or tick off those words below. The person with the fewest cards or the most boxes ticked off at the end of the game is the winner.

Asking for information	Asking for information	Asking for information	Asking for information
Chatting about the food and restaurant	Chatting about the food and restaurant	Chatting about the food and restaurant	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