

Intermediate Vocabulary Builder Sheet: Ordering Food



Key Vocabulary

- Menu (noun): the list of food and drinks offered
- Order (verb/noun): to ask for food or drinks / what you have asked for
- Waiter/Waitress (noun): a person who takes your order
- Server (noun): general term for staff bringing food
- Dish (noun): a specific food item on the menu
- Special (noun): food offered for a limited time or at a lower price
- Appetizer (noun): small dish before the main food
- Main course (noun): the largest part of the meal
- Dessert (noun): sweet food at the end of the meal
- Beverage (noun): drink
- Bill/Check (noun): the paper that shows the cost of the meal
- Tip (noun/verb): extra money for good service

Useful Phrases

- I'd like to order ___, please.
- Could I see the menu?
- What do you recommend?
- I'll have the ____.
- Is this dish spicy?
- Can I have this to go?
- I'd like it without ____.
- May I have the bill, please?
- Do you accept credit cards?
- Can I get a glass of water?
- I have a food allergy.

Example Sentences

- Excuse me, could I see a menu?
- I'd like to order the chicken salad, please.
- What do you recommend for vegetarians?
- Can I have a coffee to go?
- Is there anything without nuts?
- I'll have the soup as an appetizer and the steak for my main course.
- Can we have separate checks?
- Could I have the bill, please?
- Do you accept debit cards?

Tips for Ordering Food

- Speak clearly and use polite phrases.
- If you don't understand something on the menu, ask the server for details.
- Check for food allergies or dietary restrictions before ordering.
- It's common to leave a tip for good service in many countries.