



English Talkies

Restaurant English Guide

Language: English | Level: A1

Master restaurant conversations with key phrases and grammar. Learn to order food, ask questions, and pay the bill confidently.

■ Essential Vocabulary

Word	Definition	Example
menu	List of food and drinks at a restaurant	Can I see the menu, please?
order	To ask for food or drinks	I'd like to order a burger.
waiter	Person who serves food in a restaurant	The waiter took our order.
bill	Paper showing how much you must pay	Can I have the bill, please?
starter	First course of a meal	I'll have soup as a starter.
main course	The most important dish in a meal	For my main course, I want fish.
dessert	Sweet food eaten after the main meal	What dessert would you like?
drink	Liquid that you consume	What drink would you like?
recommend	To suggest something good	What do you recommend?
special	Dish that's not usually on the menu	Today's special is pasta.
ready	Prepared to do something	Are you ready to order?
change	Money you get back after paying	Keep the change.
tip	Extra money for good service	I left a tip for the waiter.
allergic	Having a bad reaction to certain foods	I'm allergic to nuts.
reservation	Booking a table in advance	I have a reservation for two.

■ Key Phrases

Can I see the menu? → Can I see the menu? | **I'd like to order** → I'd like to order | **What do you recommend?** → What do you recommend? | **Can I have the bill?** → Can I have the bill? | **Is service included?** → Is service included? | **I'm allergic to...** → I'm allergic to...

■ Grammar Rules

1. Use 'I'd like' for polite orders: This is more polite than 'I want'. It shows good manners in restaurants.
2. Ask questions with 'Can I' or 'Could I': These are polite ways to make requests. 'Could I' is more formal than 'Can I'.
3. Use 'some' and 'any' correctly: Use 'some' in positive sentences and offers. Use 'any' in questions and negative sentences.
4. Present continuous for current choices: Use 'I'm having' when you're deciding or ordering your food right now.
5. Articles with food: Use 'the' for specific dishes on the menu. Use 'a/an' for general items.
6. Future forms for ordering: Use 'I'll have' or 'I will have' as another polite way to order food.

■ Study Tips

1. Practice common phrases before going out | 2. Listen to how native speakers order food | 3. Don't be afraid to ask questions about the menu