

53 Eating out

A Places where you can eat

café: you can have a cup of tea/coffee and a **snack** there (= something small to eat like a sandwich or a cake). They sometimes serve meals there too.
restaurant: you go there for a full meal; more expensive than a café.
bar/pub: bars and pubs serve alcohol and **soft drinks** (= non-alcoholic drinks like fruit juice and lemonade); you can usually have a meal or a snack there too.
sandwich bar: a place that serves lots of different kinds of sandwiches. People usually buy sandwiches and take them to eat in a different place, at work or in the park.
fast food restaurant: you can get a quick hot meal there, for example burger and chips.
self-service restaurant/café: you take what you want, pay for it and carry it to your table.

B In a restaurant



C Ordering food

WAITER: Are you ready to order?
 CUSTOMER: Yes, I'd like tomato soup and steak, please.
 WAITER: Would you like the steak with chips or new potatoes? And how would you like your steak – rare, medium or well-done?
 CUSTOMER: Well-done, please. And with chips.
 WAITER: And what would you like to drink?
 (later)
 WAITER: Is everything all right?
 CUSTOMER: Thank you, it's very nice.

English Vocabulary in Use (elementary)

Exercises

- 53.1** Which of the places in A opposite would you go to if you ...
 1 want to buy something in the morning to eat at lunch-time at work? a *sandwich bar*
 2 want a romantic dinner for two?
 3 have three small children with you?
 4 arrive half an hour early to meet a friend?
 5 are very thirsty?
- 53.2** Do you have all the places in A in your country? Write down all the places you have. Give an example of an eating place of this type. *fast food restaurant – McDonald's*
- 53.3** Look at the menu on the opposite page.
 1 What would you eat from the menu opposite?
 2 What would a vegetarian eat? (Vegetarians don't eat meat.)
- 53.4** Choose one of the words in the box which can go with each of the words in each group.

steak omelette potatoes gateau ~~soup~~ salad

- 1 You can have tomato / vegetable / chicken *soup* to start.
 2 Would you like a cheese / ham / plain?
 3 I'll have the chicken / ham / fruit
 4 I'd like some roast / mashed / new
 5 Can I have the chocolate / strawberry / apricot, please.
 6 Do you like your well-done / medium / rare?

- 53.5** There are some mistakes in this dialogue. Correct the mistakes.

WAITER: Are you ready for order?
 CUSTOMER: Yes. I like vegetable soup and steak, please.
 WAITER: What would you like your steak? Rare, medium or done good?
 CUSTOMER: Rare, please.
 WAITER: What you would like to drink?
 CUSTOMER: A orange juice, please.

- 53.1** Possible answers:

2 restaurant 4 café
 3 fast food restaurant 5 bar/pub/café

- 53.2** Possible answers:

café – Jim's Corner Café
 restaurant – The Taj Mahal
 bar – The Red Lion
 sandwich bar – Annabelle's
 fast food restaurant – Burger King
 self-service café – café in railway station

- 53.3** Possible answers:

1 I'd choose tomato soup, chicken salad and strawberries and cream.
 2 A vegetarian would choose melon or tomato soup and a cheese or plain omelette and any of the desserts.

- 53.4** 2 omelette 3 salad 4 potatoes 5 gateau 6 steak

- 53.5** WAITER: Are you ready to order?

CUSTOMER: Yes. I'd like vegetable soup and steak, please.

WAITER: How would you like your steak? Rare, medium or well-done?

CUSTOMER: Rare, please.

WAITER: What would you like to drink?

CUSTOMER: An orange juice, please.