

## Eating Out Conversation

### Questions

- How often do you go to eat out?
- What is your favorite type of restaurant to go to?
- Have you ever worked in a restaurant?
- What is the most important thing when choosing somewhere to eat out?
- Would you like to own a restaurant?
- What sort of fast food do you like the best, and why?
- Would you like to work in a restaurant?
- What is the hardest job to do in a restaurant?
- Do you like going to fine dining restaurants?
- How much do you tip when paying the bill in a restaurant?



## Eating Out Vocabulary List with Definitions

**A la carte:** Without a side dish. (*adjective*)

**A la mode:** 1) In the current style. (*adjective*) 2) With ice cream. (*adverb*)

**All you can eat:** Customers pay one fee and can eat as much as they wish. (*adjective*)

**Appetizer:** A small snack before a meal; starter. (*noun*)

**Bar:** A building or room where alcoholic drinks and sometime food are served. (*noun*)

**Bill:** A statement of charges for food or drink. (*noun*)

**Bistro:** A small restaurant or bar. (*noun*)

**Blacken:** To cook meat at a high heat in a lot of pepper and other spices. (*verb*)

**Booking:** An arrangement made with a restaurant in advance, to eat there at a particular time. (*noun*)

**Booster seat:** A plastic unit that fits on top of a chair to help small children reach the table. (*noun*)

**Buffet:** Self-serve tables of food that are set out for the customers to pick and choose from. (*noun*)

**Busboy:** A person who helps out in a restaurant (especially clearing and setting tables). (*noun*)

**Café:** A small restaurant selling light meals and drinks. (*noun*)

**Canteen:** A small cafeteria or snack bar, usually in a workplace. (*noun*)

**Chip shop:** A fast food outlet that sells fish and chips. (*noun*)

**Cocktail:** An alcoholic drink mixed with juice. (*noun*)

**Complementary:** Free of charge. (*adjective*)

**Combo meal:** A meal as a set combination, such as a burger with fries and a drink. (*noun*)

**Course:** A part of a meal. (*noun*)

**Cutlery:** Tools for eating with (fork, knife, spoon). (*noun*)

**Deli:** A store where you can buy foods (such as meats, cheese, salads and sandwiches) that are already cooked or prepared. (*noun*)

**Dessert:** Sweet food eaten after the main part of a meal. (*noun*)

**Dine:** 1) To eat dinner. (*verb*) 2) To have the main meal of the day. (*verb*)

**Dish:** Food that is prepared in a particular way. (*noun*)

**Doggie bag:** Unfinished food that is packed up for the customer to take home. (*noun*)

**Double:** Two shots (ounces) of alcohol in one drink. (*adjective*)

**Dressing:** A liquid topping for salads. (*noun*)

**Entrée:** The main course (usually at fancier restaurants). (*noun*)

**Fast food:** Food that is quick and inexpensive. (*noun*)

**Fine dining:** A style of eating that usually takes place in expensive restaurants. (*adjective*)

**Free refills:** Beverages that can be filled again without any cost. (*noun*)

**Garnish:** Food that is added to a plate for appearance or color. (*noun*)

**Halal:** Dishes that Muslims can eat. (*adjective*)

**Happy hour:** A short amount of time when alcoholic drinks are at a reduced price. (*noun*)

**Host/Hostess:** A staff member in charge of greeting and seating customers in a restaurant. (*noun*)

**House wine:** Cheaper wine. (*noun*)

**Kosher:** Dishes that Jewish people can eat. (*adjective*)

**Lineup:** A number of people waiting for something. (*noun*)

**Liquor:** Distilled alcoholic drinks. (*noun*)

**Liqueur:** Alcohol drink that has a syrup/sweet taste. (*noun*)

**Main course:** The largest part of a meal, usually consists of a meat, vegetable and a starch. (*noun*)

**Meal:** An occasion when food is eaten, or the food that is eaten on such an occasion. (*noun*)

- Medium rare:** Meat cooked so that it is slightly red in the middle. *(adjective)*
- Menu:** A booklet or printed list of all the food that can be ordered. *(noun)*
- Napkin:** A cloth or folded piece of soft paper that is used to mop up spilt food. *(noun)*
- On the side:** A request for a food item to be served in a separate container. *(adjective)*
- Order:** 1) To ask for something (food) to be made. *(verb)* 2) A request to make, supply, or deliver food. *(noun)*
- Overdone:** Food that is cooked too long but can still be eaten. *(adjective)*
- Pizzeria:** A restaurant where mainly pizzas are served. *(noun)*
- Pub:** A building in which alcoholic drinks are sold and consumed. *(noun)*
- Rare:** Food cooked just a short time to retain redness. *(adjective)*
- Reservation:** A request to have a table saved for a certain amount of people. *(noun)*
- Restroom:** A place for people to use a toilet and wash hands. *(noun)*
- Roll-up:** A set of cutleries wrapped in a napkin. *(noun)*
- Root beer:** A non-alcoholic drink made from herbs and plants that tastes similar to cola. *(noun)*
- Rush:** A large number of customers arriving at the same time. *(noun)*
- Salad:** A dish composed of uncooked plants. *(noun)*
- Salad bar:** A kind of buffet for salad and cold food. *(noun)*
- Self-serve:** The customers bring their own food items to the table and do not pay for service. *(adjective)*
- Senior's discount:** A reduced price for people over a certain age (i.e. over 65). *(noun)*
- Serve:** To look after a customer and bring them their order. *(verb)*
- Server:** A person who brings your food and drinks at a restaurant; a waiter or waitress. *(noun)*
- Set meal:** A special meal that a restaurant offers on a particular day. *(noun)*
- Set menu:** A list of dishes you can order together (such as a main meal, a starter and a dessert) for a set price. *(noun)*
- Side dish:** A small portion of food, typically bread, salad, or vegetable in sauce, that you eat with a main meal. *(noun)*
- Specials:** Items that are prepared particularly for a certain day and are usually at a reduced price. *(noun)*
- Specialty:** Food item that a restaurant is popular for. *(noun)*
- Stay:** To eat a meal in the restaurant. *(verb)*
- Starter:** A small portion of food served as the first course of the meal. *(noun)*
- Sundae:** A tall glass of ice cream with chocolate sauce and nuts on top. *(noun)*
- Sweet:** A sweet food served at the end of a meal; dessert. *(noun)*
- Take-out/Take-away:** Food that is packed up and eaten at home. *(noun)*
- The works:** All of the options that come with the meal. *(noun)*
- Tip:** A small sum of money often given to restaurant staff for good service. *(noun)*
- To go:** To take a meal out of the restaurant to eat somewhere else. *(adjective)*
- Waiter/Waitress:** A man/woman who serves food or drinks to people in a restaurant. *(noun)*
- Well-done:** Cooked completely. *(adjective)*
- Wrap:** A thin, flat piece of bread with filling in the middle. *(noun)*