

ORDERING FOOD IN A RESTAURANT

- 1** Read the conversation. What food and drink does Tara order?



Waitress: Hello. Are you ready to order?
Tara: Yes, we are.
Waitress: OK. So, what would you like?
Jenna: I'll have the meatballs, please.
Waitress: One meatballs. With chips or rice?
Jenna: Rice, please, and can I have a side salad?
Waitress: Of course. And for you?
Tara: Does the Pizza Romana have meat in it?
 I'm a vegetarian.
Waitress: No, it doesn't have meat in it.
Tara: Great. I'd like a Pizza Romana, please. What does it come with?
Waitress: It comes with chips or a side salad
Tara: Oh, I'd like a side salad, please.
Waitress: No problem. Would you like anything to drink?
Jenna: I'd like a cola, please?
Tara: And just some water for me, please.
Waitress: OK. That's great.

- 2** Read the conversation again and answer the questions.

- 1 What does Jenna ask for with her meatballs?
- 2 Why does Tara ask the waitress about meat?
- 3 What can you choose to have with the pizza?
- 4 What does Jenna order to drink?

KEY LANGUAGE FOR ORDERING IN A RESTAURANT

Saying what you want:

I'd like a / the ..., please.

I'll have a / the ..., please.

Can I have a / the ..., please?

A cola / some water for me, please.

Asking about the dishes:

What's the ... like?

Does the ... have meat / nuts in it?

What does it come with?

Giving information about things you can't eat:

I'm a vegetarian.

I'm allergic to nuts / eggs.

Phrases the waitress uses:

Are you ready to order?

What would you like?

And for you?

Would you like anything to drink?.

- 3** Read the *Key Language* box. Then read the phrases and decide who says them in Exercise 1, the waitress (W) or the customer (C).

- 1 I'm a vegetarian.
- 2 What would you like?
- 3 Does the Pizza Romana have meat in it?
- 4 I'll have the meatballs, please.
- 5 Are you ready to order?
- 6 What does it come with?
- 7 Can I have a side salad?
- 8 Would you like anything to drink?

- 4** Match the sentence halves to make phrases for ordering food in a restaurant.

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| 1 I'd | A have a cheese burger, please? |
| 2 Can I | B the chicken come with? |
| 3 What's the | C vegetarian. |
| 4 What does | D like a hot chocolate, please. |
| 5 I'm a | E to milk. |
| 6 I'm allergic | F three bean soup like? |

- 5** Read the questions the waitress asks and choose the best answer.

- 1 Are you ready to order?
A: Yes, we are.
B: No, thank you.
- 2 What would you like to eat?
A: The burger was really nice!
B: I'll have a burger, please?
- 3 With chips or a side salad?
A: Yes, please. That would be lovely.
B: I'd like chips, please.
- 4 Would you like anything to drink?
A: An orange juice for me, please.
B: I really like cola.

- 6 Work in pairs. One of you is the waiter and the other is the customer. Look at the menu. Then choose a customer card (A or B) and role play a conversation about ordering food. Ask questions to find out if the food is OK for you.

The Bridge Cafe	
Lunch Menu	
Sandwiches	
Cheese and salad	£2.50
Chicken and tomato	£2.40
Tuna and sweetcorn	£2.60
Soups	
Chicken	£3.40
Tomato	£3.20
Mixed vegetable	£3.20
Hot dishes	
Pizza Napolitana (ham, tomato, cheese)	£6.40
Vegetable lasagne	£6.80
Sausages with mashed potatoes	£9.60
Side dishes	
Chips	£1.50
Salad	£2.30
Drinks	
Cola	£1.20
Lemonade	£1.20
Coffee	£2.20
Tea	£2.20
Hot chocolate	£2.80

A

You are a vegetarian.
You don't like sweet drinks.

B

You are allergic to cheese.
You don't like coffee or tea.

- 7 Swap roles and practise again. Choose the other customer card in Exercise 6.