

Dialogue Ordering: Restaurants

Introduction

This simple activity has students put various dialogues you may have at a restaurant into the correct order.

Before the Lesson

Print (A4 size), laminate and cut out the dialogue strips. In lieu of laminating, print on thicker A4 cardstock paper. Be sure to print enough copies for the amount of students you have, *for example, if you have 15 students in class, print the pdf five times and group students into threes.*

In the Lesson

Have the students pick a partner (or pick the partners yourself) Provide each pair of students with a set of dialogues. They should work together to correctly order the sentences for each dialogue. There are five total, organized by color.

After ordering the dialogues, students should practice reading them with their partner, taking turns to be able to read all people. Also, explain any new words.

When they are finished, have them come up with two short dialogues with a new partner, then take turns reading them to the class.

| Focus | Aim | Level | Time |
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| Dialogue ordering | To practice ordering dialogue sentences. | A1/ A2 | 30-35 minutes |



Hostess: Good evening! Welcome to La Bella Restaurant. Do you have a reservation?

Mr. Green: Good evening. No, we don't. Can we get a table for two?

Hostess: Of course! Would you like to sit inside or outside?

Mrs. Green: Hmm, I'm not sure. I think it might be too cold still to sit outside.

Mr. Green: Inside, please.

Hostess: Okay, let me check. We have one table in the bar area that's free right now. If you want to wait 15 minutes, I should have one available here behind me.

Mrs. Green: The bar area is fine, thank you.

Hostess: You're welcome. Follow me this way. Here are the menus. Your waiter will be with you soon. Enjoy your meal!

Mr. Green: Thank you.

Steve: Good evening! My name is Steve and I'll be your waiter this evening. I see you have menus already. Can I get you two started with something to drink?

Mrs. Green: Oh, yes please. I'd love a red wine.

Steve: Excellent choice. We have a nice house red wine, would you like to try that?

Mrs. Green: That sounds great, yes.

Steve: Perfect. And you, sir?

Mr. Green: I'll go with a light beer, whichever you have on tap.

Steve: We have two on tap, a Sam Adams or a Bud Light.

Mr. Green: Bud Light, please.

Steve: Okay, great. I'll get these in for you. Are you ready to order, or do you still need a few minutes?

Mrs. Green: I think we need a few minutes. I just have a quick question: Are there any specials tonight?

Steve: We actually do monthly specials, and you can find those on the second page of your menus.

Mrs. Green: Oh yes, I see them now. Thank you.

Steve: No problem. I'll be right back with your drinks.

Mr. Green: Thank you!



Steve: Okay, the house red for the lady, and a Bud Light for the gentleman. Are we ready to order now?

Mr. Green: Thank you. Yes we are, ladies first.

Mrs. Green: I'll have the grilled chicken with rice, please.

Steve: Great choice! Would you like a side salad with that?

Mrs. Green: Yes, please. Oil and vinegar dressing, please.

Steve: Okay, you got it. And for you, sir?

Mr. Green: I'll have the spaghetti with tomato sauce.

Steve: Spaghetti, okay. Any cheese on that? Side salad?

Mr. Green: No, cheese. But a side salad would be great. Ranch dressing, please.

Steve: Got it. Any appetizers to start?

Mrs. Green: Oh I forgot, some garlic bread would be lovely.

Steve: Very good choice. Our garlic bread is the best in the area. I'll put your order in and will be right back with your bread.

Mr. Green: Thank you. Oh, where is your restroom?

Steve: It's right back there. The men's is on the right.

Mr. Green: Thanks!

Steve: No problem. I'll be right back with your appetizer.



Steve: How was everything this evening?

Mr. Green: It was wonderful.

Mrs. Green: Yes, really delicious.

Steve: I'm happy to hear that! Would you like to see the dessert menu while I clear away some of these dishes?

Mrs. Green: Yes, please! Let's take a look.

Mr. Green: They have a chocolate cake or an apple pie with vanilla ice cream. Both sound great. I think I'll do the pie. Dear?

Mrs. Green: You know me, I can't say no to chocolate cake.

Steve: So one apple pie and one chocolate cake? And coffee or tea to go with that?

Mr. Green: Yes, an espresso for me, please.

Mrs. Green: I'll also take an espresso, please.

Steve: Sure thing. Dessert and espresso coming up!

Mrs. Green: Thank you!



Steve: How are we finding the dessert?

Mrs. Green: The best chocolate cake I've had in a while!

Mr. Green: The apple pie was very good.

Steve: I'm glad to hear that. Is there anything else I can get you?

Mr. Green: I don't think so. Just the check, please.

Steve: Of course. Here is it. Will you be paying with cash or by card?

Mr. Green: Card, please. And please add \$10 for tip.

Steve: Thank you so much. I hope you two have a wonderful evening. And we hope to see you at La Bella again!

Mrs. Green: Thank you. Have a great evening as well.

Mr. Green: Thanks!