

ORDERING A MEAL

3.15 Listen to Allie and Mark at the restaurant. Answer the questions.

- 1 What do they order for starters?
- 2 What does Allie order for her main course?
- 3 What kind of potatoes do they order?
- 4 How does Mark want his steak – rare, medium, or well done?
- 5 What are they going to drink?

Menu

Starters

Tomato and mozzarella salad
Mushroom soup
Grilled prawns

Main courses

Fried chicken
T-bone steak
Grilled salmon

All main courses served with a baked potato or fries.

PROBLEMS WITH A MEAL

a 3.16 Cover the dialogue and listen. What three problems do they have?

YOU HEAR

Chicken for you ma'am, and the steak for you, sir.

No problem _____.

Yes, sir?

I'm very sorry. _____
_____ back to the kitchen.

Yes, sir.

Your check.

Yes, you're right. I'm very sorry.
It's not my day today! _____
_____ a new check.

YOU SAY

I'm sorry, but I asked for a baked potato, not fries.

Excuse me.

I asked for my steak rare and this is well done.

Could we have the check, please?

Thanks. Excuse me. I think there's a mistake in the check. We only had two glasses of wine, not a bottle.

Thank you.



US English fries check



UK English chips bill



b Listen again. Complete the YOU HEAR phrases.

c 3.17 Listen and repeat the YOU SAY phrases. Copy the rhythm.

d In pairs, roleplay the dialogue. A (book open) you're the waiter, B (book closed) you're Mark and Allie. Swap roles.

SOCIAL ENGLISH after dinner

a 3.18 Listen to Mark and Allie. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Jennifer is Mark's ex-wife.
- 2 Mark was married for three years.
- 3 His wife left him for another man.
- 4 Allie met her previous boyfriend at work.
- 5 After dinner they're going to go dancing.

b Complete the USEFUL PHRASES. Listen again and check.

c 3.19 Listen and repeat the phrases. How do you say them in your language?

USEFUL PHRASES

A That was a l_____ dinner.

M I'm g_____ you enjoyed it.

A Can I ask you s_____?

M Shall we go for a w_____?

A Where s_____ we go?

M We could have a _____ cup of coffee.



1 28 Randalls Road

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____,

Thank you for your letter. We're very happy that you're coming to stay with us in August, and we're sure you'll have a good time.

What time are you arriving at Gatwick airport? You can get a train to Brighton from there. Do you have a mobile phone? Then you can phone us when you're on the train, and we'll meet you at the station.

Could you also tell me a few more things about yourself? Is there anything you can't eat or drink? Do you smoke? Do you want a single room, or do you prefer to share a room with another student? Are you going to go back to Russia immediately after the end of the course? If not, how many more days are you going to stay with us?

5 _____,

6 _____

Jane Sanders

7 _____ I'm sending you a photo of the family so you'll recognize us at the station!



- a Ivan is a Russian student who's going to study English in Brighton. He's going to stay with a family. Read the letter from Mrs Sanders and complete it with expressions from the box.

Brighton BN3 1HJ Best wishes 28-Randalls-Road 14th April 2005

Dear Ivan PS Looking forward to hearing from you

- b Read the letter again and answer the questions.

- 1 When's Ivan coming to Britain?
- 2 How is he going to get there?
- 3 How many questions does Mrs Sanders ask him?
- 4 Does *Looking forward to hearing from you* mean...?
 - a I hope you will write soon.
 - b I'm going to write again soon.
- 5 Why does Mrs Sanders send Ivan a photo?

- c What differences are there between an informal letter and an e-mail?

Imagine you are going to stay with Mrs Sanders. Answer her letter using your own information. Remember to include your address and the date.

WRITE three paragraphs:

- Paragraph 1 Thank her for her letter.
 Paragraph 2 Say when you are arriving, etc.
 Paragraph 3 Answer her other questions.

End the letter with *Best wishes* and your name.

CHECK your letter for mistakes (grammar, punctuation, and spelling).