

# The Maitre d'

Not Your Usual Kind of Restaurant

## Student A: Waiter/Waitress

1. Welcome to \_\_\_\_\_'s Restaurant. May I take your order?  
(Tell me a classmate's name)
3. I see. Would you like some \_\_\_\_\_ to go with that?  
(Tell me a kind of food)
5. We have cream of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ chowder.  
(Tell me a vegetable) (Tell me an animal)
7. We sure do. Would you like to order the main course now?
9. OK. And would you like \_\_\_\_\_ to go with that?  
(... a snack food)
11. Yes, that's our speciality. Would you like a (an) \_\_\_\_\_ salad?  
(... a plant)
13. No problem. What would you like to drink?
15. Should I put some \_\_\_\_\_ in it?  
(... a thing in a refrigerator)
17. We have \_\_\_\_\_ pie, \_\_\_\_\_ cookies and \_\_\_\_\_ ice cream.  
(... an insect) (... a spice) (... a seafood)
19. Of course. How many pieces would you like?
21. \_\_\_\_\_ ! Well, please have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.  
(... an expression of surprise) (... an adjective)



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## Student B: Customer

2. Yes, thanks. I'd like to begin with a basket of fried \_\_\_\_\_s.  
(Tell me an insect)

4. Sure. Also, what kind of soup do you have?

6. Do you have any \_\_\_\_\_ soup?  
(Tell me an animal) (Tell me a body part)

8. Yes, I would like to have a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ steak.  
(... an adjective) (... an animal)

10. No, thanks. Do you have any \_\_\_\_\_ bread?  
(... a color) (... a vegetable)

12. Yes, please! May I have some \_\_\_\_\_ dressing on it?  
(... a language)

14. I'd like a (an) \_\_\_\_\_ glass of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(... an adjective) (... a liquid)

16. Yes, please. Also I'd like some dessert.

18. Do you have any \_\_\_\_\_ cake?  
(... an insect)

20. Oh, I'll have \_\_\_\_\_ pieces, please.  
(... a number)

22. I'm sure I will. Everything sounds so delicious!





## The Maitre 'D



1. Student ability: **Beginner ~ Low Advanced**
2. Approximate length of lesson: **15+**
3. Number of students necessary: **2+**
4. Preferred age/maturity: **JHS, HS, College, Adult**
5. Type of lesson: **Pair Work**

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**Language Target:** Simple present tense practice, using articles, count vs. non-count nouns and singular vs. plural nouns.

**Setting Up:** Say to the class: "Tell me a vegetable."

Write the vegetable on the board.

Then say, "Tell me an insect."

Write the name of the insect on the board.

Say: "Tell me a number."

Write the number on the board.

Say: "Tell me something that is in a refrigerator."

Write this on the board.

Invite some of the students to make the request, for example, they might say: "Tell me an animal."

Continue until the pattern is solid.

**Getting Started:** Pair the students and give one of them Worksheet A (the waiter or waitress) and the other Worksheet B (the customer). Students should **only** ask their partners for the blank spaces at first. **They should not read the sentences yet, only collect the information that's missing.**

After all of the information has been written, Student A begins by reading #1 from Worksheet A. Student B responds by reading #2 from Worksheet B. Students will be amused by the unusual menu items that are offered here. Expect a few giggles as the very odd dialogue occurs between the waiter and the customer.

**Variation 1:** Encourage pairs of students read their scripts to another pair or to the rest of the class (this is really fun!).

**Variation 2:** All Worksheet A students remain in their seats while Worksheet B students rotate one to the right. This way, new pairs are formed. Have the students read through the Maitre d' again – this time they'll have a whole new conversation.

**Variation 3:** Use the silliness of this lesson to reinforce the rules concerning count and non-count nouns, singular vs. plural forms and the use of articles "a" and "an."

**Building Fluency:** Using the worksheet as a model, students (in pairs) create a more realistic scene in a restaurant. It's a good

idea to point out the difference in meaning between "Do you like..." vs. "Would you like... ." who can't wink with his or her left and right eye?"

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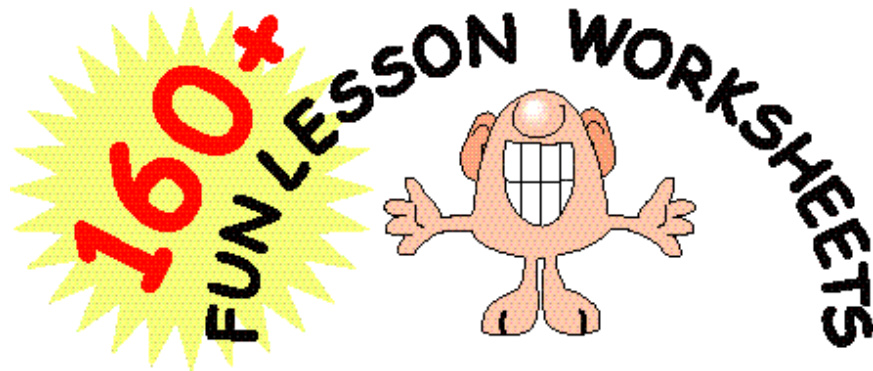
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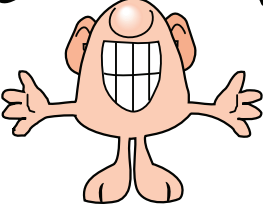
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