

Note to Teachers: Pick up an OPD as some of the vocabulary comes from pages 79, 80 and 81. It will be helpful to have pictures of the vocabulary to show. Start by reviewing the vocabulary before you get into the lesson.

Talk for a few minutes on one of these topics. Then answer questions from your group about your topic.

1. Some unhealthy things we love to eat in my country are...
2. Some common advice I take with a grain of salt is...
(Note: To take something with a grain of salt is to be skeptical about what is said.)
3. A policy in my country which I believe is a recipe for disaster is...
(Note: a recipe for disaster is something that is likely to cause problems or trouble later.)
4. Describe your favorite breakfast on those days when you have plenty of leisure time.
5. If you were to open a restaurant, what kind of food would you serve?

The underlined words are used to describe food. Read the sentence and guess the meaning from the context.

1. When I first tasted the wine, I thought it was good. But it had a bitter aftertaste.
2. The food looked appealing, but it was very bland. It could have used more seasoning.
3. The appetizers were good, if you like antipasto. I'm not a fan of cured meats and olives.
4. The chocolate covered strawberries were luscious, and the balsamic vinaigrette dressing on the salad was out of this world.
5. She brought us home-grown tomatoes from her garden. They were all perfect with no blemishes or marks. She must have brought us the cream of the crop.
6. I didn't enjoy the meal much. The wine was fruity and the duck was gamy. The only good part was the honeyed nuts we had for dessert.
7. The peaches were so succulent that the juice dripped down our chins when we bit into them.
8. Kimchee has a pungent odor, but is really quite good.
9. The crackers were stale because we left the package open last time.
10. My husband enjoys the tart flavor of a fresh lemon.
11. Add lemon zest to the top of the pound cake as a garnish.
12. The potatoes au gratin were very good and the blackened redfish was tasty.
13. I like coleslaw, but if you make it with mayonnaise it has lots of calories.

Read these conversations with a partner. Then paraphrase (briefly tell the gist of the conversation) the conversation for the group.

Ed: Excuse me, do you have a takeout menu?

Waiter: We can prepare anything on the menu to go.

Ed: Yes, but I'd like a menu to take home. Sometimes my wife and I like to phone in an order then pick it up.

Waiter: OK, sure. Here is a menu you can keep. And you do know we have a delivery service, right?

Ed: I was not aware of that.

Waiter: It's a new service we've just started. Give us a call and we'll bring your food to you. We have special containers to keep it warm.

Ed: Sounds good. We'll give it a try.

Waiter: Here are your menus. Would you like something to drink?

Dave: I'll have a cup of java and my wife would like hot tea.

Jenny: Earl Grey if you have it.

Waiter: Sure. And just to let you know, we don't serve breakfast items after 11 o'clock.

Dave: Oh shoot. We were planning to order cheese omelets. We're having brunch.

Waiter: I'm sorry, but the kitchen is in lunch mode now. I can bring you a muffin because they are already baked. But the chef is working on all our lunch entrees.

Dave: OK, I guess I'll have a grilled cheese sandwich then. It's not a cheese omelet, but close enough.

Jenny: I'll have that too, with a side of fries. And change my drink order to a Coke.

Dave: Same for me, but I'll have chips instead of fries.

Waiter: Yes sir. Thanks very much. Your food will be right out.

Jenny: Oh wait, could you bring us some setups, we don't have any silverware.

Waiter: Sure thing.

Julie: Do you have any specials today?

Waiter: Yes, we have an oven roasted chicken half. It comes with mashed potatoes and steamed carrots.

Susan: That sounds really heavy. Do you have something lighter?

Waiter: We have grilled Mahi Mahi with fried rice and broccoli au gratin.

Julie: I think I'd just like a salad.

Waiter: We have a spinach salad with bacon and boiled eggs, a Caesar salad or a regular tossed salad. Which would you prefer?

Julie: I'll have the spinach salad and iced tea please.

Susan: I'll have the club sandwich and water.

Waiter: That comes with a small fruit salad or potato salad.

Susan: I'll take the fruit salad.

Waiter: The fruit salad has a vinaigrette dressing on it. Is that OK.

Susan: I'd prefer if you leave that off. Or maybe you could bring it to me on the side.

Waiter: Sure, I'll put it on the side. Anything else, ladies?

Julie: That's all for now.

Waiter: OK. Save room for our strawberry cheesecake. It's the specialty of the house.

Susan: I've heard it's to die for. Maybe we'll split a piece.