

## FUMCESL 9-30-2019 High Intermediate Lesson Eating in Restaurants

Look at the items shown in the **OPD page 79**. These are foods from a fast food restaurant. Talk about any of these items you don't recognize.

Describe how the following foods are made. (Teachers, you may have to help with this.)  
onion rings, nachos, burrito, milkshake, french fries

Which of the foods on this page have you eaten? Which ones do you like? Which ones would you never eat again? What fast food restaurant in your country is your favorite? What do they serve?

### Read this conversation. Discuss any words or phrases you don't know.

Bill and Tara have been driving for hours. They are tired and hungry. They decide to stop at a fast food restaurant to get a bite to eat.

**Bill:** (looking at the menu) Most of this food seems to be pretty high in fat doesn't it.

**Tara:** Well, that's what you expect at a burger joint. I was hoping they would have a salad bar, but it doesn't appear they do.

**Bill:** Yes, the only vegetarian things I see are french fries and burritos. Oh well. I knew I wouldn't find a salad or a spinach omelet in here. Guess I'll just have a burrito. At least I'll get a little fiber from the beans.

**Tara:** I'll go with the pizza. It looks like you can order by the slice. I'm not real hungry.

They order and get their food. Bill finds the burrito is bland. He wants some salt and hot sauce to put on it.

**Bill:** Excuse me, but can I get some salt and some hot sauce?

**Worker:** The condiments are over there next to the drink machine.

**Bill:** OK, thanks. I didn't see those. I also need some extra napkins. The napkin dispenser is empty.

**Worker:** I'll get someone over there in a minute to fill it up.

### Questions:

1. Where are the condiments?
2. Did the worker give Bill a napkin?
3. Did Tara order a whole pizza?
4. Did Bill have the spinach omelet?
5. Who enjoyed their meal more, Bill or Tara?

Look at **OPD pages 80 and 81**. Talk about any words you don't know. Follow Bill and Tara's story.

The next morning in the hotel, Bill and Tara have breakfast.

**Waitress:** Hello. My name is Debra. I'll be your server this morning. Do you want the buffet or will you order off the menu?

**Tara:** How much is the buffet?

**Waitress:** It's \$14.99 and includes coffee or tea.

**Bill:** That's expensive. I think we'll order off the menu. I'll have two eggs, sausage and toast, please.

**Waitress:** How would you like your eggs?

**Bill:** Over easy.

**Waitress:** Link sausage or patty sausage?

**Bill:** Link, please.

**Waitress:** White toast or wheat?

**Bill:** Wheat. And I'd like a side of bacon as well. Oh, and a glass of milk.

**Waitress:** Whole milk, 2% or skim?

**Bill:** Skim, please.

**Tara:** I'll have the oatmeal with raisins and walnuts, please. And black coffee.

Look at **OPD page 82-83**. Discuss any words you don't know.

**Discuss:**

1. Have you ever worked in a restaurant?
2. Have you ever owned a restaurant?
3. Would you like to own a restaurant?
4. What kind of food would you serve?
5. Are you a good cook?
6. Do you like to make desserts?
7. How often do you have friends over for dinner?
8. Who does the cooking, you or your spouse?

That night, Bill and Tara go to the hotel dining room for dinner.

**Bill:** A table for two please. And can we sit by the windows, please.

**Hostess:** Do you have a reservation?

**Bill:** No. We are from out of town. We just arrived.

**Hostess:** I'm sorry but all our tables are full now. I can put you on the waiting list.

**Bill:** It looks like that table is open.

**Hostess:** That table has not been cleared yet, and we have someone waiting for it.

**Bill:** How long is the wait for a table?

**Hostess:** I'm not sure, but I'd guess twenty to thirty minutes. You can wait in the bar if you like.

**Bill:** Fine. Our name is Branson. We'll be in the bar.

**Hostess:** Thank you Mr. Branson. We'll call you when your table is ready.

Bill and Tara go to the bar and order a drink.

**Bartender:** What can I get you?

**Tara:** I'd like a glass of wine please.

**Bartender:** Here's our wine list.

**Bill:** I'll have a beer. What do you have on tap?

**Bartender:** We have Heineken and Budweiser on tap.

**Bill:** I don't really like either of those. I see you have Sam Adams in a bottle. I'll have one of those. Tara do you know which wine you want?

**Tara:** Yes, I'll have the Pinot Grigio.

**Bartender:** Here are your drinks. The hostess just told me your table is ready. You can take the drinks with you.

**Bill:** Wow, that was fast. Do I need to pay the tab now?

**Bartender:** If you want I can just send it to your waiter and he'll add it to your dinner tab.

**Bill:** That will be great, thanks.

Bill and Tara are seated and looking at the menu.

**Waitress:** I see you already have your drinks. Have you had time to look at the menu or should I give you a little more time?

**Tara:** No, I think we know what we want.

**Waitress:** Fine. Do you want any starters? We have excellent shrimp cocktail tonight.

**Tara:** Not for me, thanks.

**Bill:** I might like to start with your crab bisque.

**Waitress:** That's an excellent choice. It's one of our most popular soups. Would you like a cup or a bowl?

**Bill:** Just a cup. I don't want to fill up before my entree comes.

**Waitress:** Can I get anyone a salad?

**Tara:** The salads on the menu look quite large. Can I just get a small house salad?

**Waitress:** I'm sure we can do that. Have you decided on your entrees?

**Tara:** I'll have the roast chicken. But could I have rice instead of the mashed potatoes.

**Waitress:** Sure. And for you sir?

**Bill:** I'm going to have the steak. But I'd like a baked potato instead of fries.

**Waitress:** How would you like that steak cooked?

**Bill:** I'd like it medium rare. Does that come with any vegetables?

**Waitress:** It doesn't, but I can get you a side order of steamed carrots or broccoli.

**Bill:** That's perfect. I'll have the steamed broccoli. And can we get some rolls, please.

**Waitress:** Yes, I'll bring those right out.

Bill and Tara finish their dinner.

**Waitress:** How was everything?

**Tara:** Wonderful. The chicken was excellent.

**Bill:** And that steak was perfectly cooked.

**Waitress:** Would you like a to go bag?

**Tara:** No thanks. We're staying here in the hotel, so we don't have any way to keep it.

**Waitress:** Did you save room for dessert? We are famous for our pies.

**Bill:** Oooh. That sounds really good. I think I'd like to order some pie. How about you, Tara?

**Tara:** I'll just have a bite of yours if that's OK.

**Bill:** Of course. We'll have one slice of peach pie with two spoons, please.

**Waitress:** Would you like ice cream on that?

**Bill:** Peach pie a la mode! How can I turn that down!

**Waitress:** How about coffee?

**Tara:** I'll have a cup of decaf.

**Bill:** I'll have a cappuccino.

**Waitress:** I'll be right back with your coffee and pie.

Bill and Tara finish their pie and coffee.

**Waitress:** Is there anything else I can get for you?

**Tara:** I couldn't eat another bite. That pie was amazing.

**Waitress:** Thank you. Our pastry chef has won many awards for his pie.

**Bill:** Give your chef our compliments and bring our check please.

**Tara:** This restaurant has great food and excellent service.

**Bill:** Yes, I'm going to leave a 20% tip for our waitress.

#### **Discussion:**

1. At state fairs and other venues, you may find food booths that serve lots of very different food. For example: funnel cakes, candy apples, corn dogs and booths where sweet desserts are fried (fried Snickers bars or Oreos). What is the strangest food you have eaten in America? What is the strangest food you have eaten in another country?
2. Texas is famous for barbecue. Have you had barbecue here? What's your favorite place for BBQ? Do you like brisket, pulled pork or ribs best? BBQ places usually serve cole slaw and corn on the cob. Do you like either of these?
3. Texas is also famous for pecan pie. And it is NOT pronounced PEE CAN. It's PA CON pie. With the accent on the CON. Calling it PEE CAN is a grave offense in Texas.
4. Louisiana is known for its gumbo. It's like a soup with seafood in it. It is usually served over rice. It's quite spicy and delicious. In Louisiana, people eat crawfish. In Texas people think call those animals crayfish and wouldn't consider eating them. But once you've tasted crawfish, you'll love them. Or at least I do.
5. Another American food is s'mores. Basically a marshmallow cooked over an open fire, then laid on a graham cracker with a slice of Hershey bar. The hot marshmallow melts the chocolate a bit. It's pretty tasty.