

Activity Type

Speaking Game: role-play, asking and answering questions from prompts, communicative practice (group work)

Focus

Phrases for ordering food and drink

Aim

To learn and practice phrases for ordering food and drink.

Preparation

Make one copy of the menu and cards for each group of four and cut as indicated. Also, prepare some slips of paper for each group.

If you have a group of three, delete one item from each section of the menu and remove the corresponding cards.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

This ordering food and drink game helps students learn and practice phrases for ordering menu items.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of four.

Give each group a copy of the menu and four slips of paper.

First, students read the menu, decide on a three-course meal and drink they would like to have, and write it on the slip of paper without telling or showing anyone.

Next, give each group a set of food and drink cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the cards and deal them out equally face-down.

Next, students play a card game where they try to get the four food or drink items by ordering them from the menu using the phrases below.

Ordering:

Can I have..., please?
I'll have..., please?
I'd like..., please.

Replying:

Certainly, here you are.
I'm sorry. We don't have any... left.

Students then take turns ordering a menu item from another group member, e.g. 'Can I have a salad, please?'

If the other student has the menu item card, they give it to the student and reply as a waiter saying, 'Certainly, here you are.'

If the student doesn't have the menu item, they say, 'I'm sorry. We don't have any... left.'

The first student to get their four menu item cards wins the game.

When a student wins, they show the slip of paper and cards to the other students as confirmation.

Students can play several rounds to practice the ordering phrases.

MENU

STARTERS

- SPRING ROLLS
- SALAD
- GARLIC BREAD
- TOMATO SOUP

DESSERTS

- CHEESECAKE
- CHOCOLATE CAKE
- ICE CREAM
- APPLE PIE

MAIN DISHES

- STEAK
- ROAST CHICKEN
- FRIED FISH
- SPAGHETTI

DRINKS

- RED WINE
- BEER
- COLA
- WATER

