## Everyday Dialogues

Ordering Food

## 1. Dialogue Reading

Read the dialogue with your partner a few times. Take turns being each character. Practice your intonation and pronunciation.

## Waiter: Can I take your order now?

Customer: Could you give me a few more minutes?
Waiter: Certainly. Take your time.
(a few minutes later)

## Waiter: Are you ready to order now?

Customer: Yes. l'd like an 8 oz. steak please.
Waiter Would you like potatoes or rice with your steak?
Customer: What kind of potatoes do you have?
Waiter: We have baked, mashed, or French fries.
Customer: I'll have French fries please.
Waiter: And how would you like your steak done?
Customer: Medium-rare, please.

## Waiter: Would you like anything to start?

Customer: I'll have a salad please.
Waiter: We have Greek, Italian, and Caesar salad, as well as a house salad.

Customer: I'll have the house salad with oil and vinegar dressing.

## Waiter: Would you like a beverage?

Customer: I'll have a large diet Coke.
Waiter: And would you like anything for dessert?

## Customer: What do you suggest?

Waiter: The apple pie is my favorite.
Customer: Okay. I'll try that.
Waiter: I'll put your order in and be right back with some hot rolls and butter.

Customer: Thank you.


Find New Expressions
Write down any useful or new expressions and words in the fields below.

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## 2. Practice $\square$

Work with your partner. Role-play the dialogue, substituting the different expressions below. Then reverse roles.

## Can I take your order now?

Would you like to order now?
Are you ready to order now?
Have you had time to look at the menu yet?
Could you give me a few more minutes?
Can I have a few more minutes, please?
l'd like a few more minutes.
I'm not quite ready. I need a few more minutes.

## Certainly. Take your time.

Of course. Don't hurry.
Sure. I'll come back in a few minutes.

I'd like an 8 oz. steak please.
l'll have a 12 oz. steak please.
Can I please have the rack of lamb.
Can I have the pork roast.

I'd like the roast beef please.
fried chicken
grilled salmon

I'll have baked potatoes.
I'd like
I'll take

How would you like your steak done? Rare, please.
medium rare
medium medium well well done.

Would you like anything to start?
Would you like anything to begin with?
Would you like an appetizer?

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& \text { soup? } \\
& \text { a salad? }
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We have a Greek, Italian, and Caesar salad, as well as a house salad. in addition to a house salad
We have a Greek, Italian, Caesar and house salad.

I'll have the house salad with oil and vinegar dressing.
Thousand Island dressing.
Italian dressing.
French dressing. blue cheese dressing.

Would you like a beverage?
Would you like anything to drink?
Will there be anything to drink?

I'll have a large diet Coke.
a cup of coffee. Just water, please.
l'll be right back with some hot rolls and butter.
I'll be back in a minute with your water.
I'll be back right away with your cutlery and napkins.

What do you suggest?
What do you recommend?
What's good?
Any suggestions?

## The apple pie is my favorite.

The chocolate mousse is delicious.
The lemon cheesecake is wonderful. The strawberry tart is fantastic.

Okay. I'll try that.
l'd like that.
I'll order that.
I'll take that.

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## 3. Expand Your Vocabulary

Work with your partner. Fill in the chart below with as many food items as you can think of.


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## 4. Dialogue Building

Complete the dialogue below with the appropriate expressions.

| Waiter: | [ now? |
| :---: | :---: |
| Customer: | _ a few more minutes. |
| Waiter: |  |
| (a few minutes later) |  |
| Waiter: | [ ? |
| Customer: | Yes.__ please. |
| Waiter: | Would you like ___ with |
|  | -_? |
| Customer: | What kind of potatoes do you have? |
| Waiter: | We have |
| Customer: | French fries please. |
| Waiter: | And how would you like your__ done? |
| Customer: | [., please. |
| Waiter: | [ ? |
| Customer: | I'll have a salad please. |
| Waiter: | We have Greek, Italian, and Caesar salad, as well a house salad. |
| Customer: | __the house salad with |
|  | ___dressing. |
| Waiter: | [ ? |
| Customer: | _large diet Coke. |
| Waiter: | And would you like anything for dessert? |
| Customer: | What __? |
| Waiter: |  |
| Customer: | Okay. |
| Waiter: | I'll put your order in and |
| Customer: | Thank you. |

## 5. Write your own dialogue

Work with a partner and write your own new dialogue using any phrases from page 2. Then practice the dialogue and present it to your class.

