# At the restaurant

A reservation	customer	restaurant staff
On the phone	<ul> <li>Is that the York restaurant?</li> <li>I'm calling to reserve/book a table for tonight</li> <li>I'd like to make a reservation/to book a table for 4 on Saturday evening</li> <li>Around 9.00. Is that all right for you?</li> <li>There'll be of us</li> <li>Hello, this is Mrspeaking. We are booked for tomorrow at, but unfortunately we won't be able to come/I'd like to cancel my reservation for tonight</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>York Restaurant, good morning/May I help you?</li> <li>When is it for?/For what day/On what day /What time would you like?/ When (what time) would you like to come/ are you coming/ will you be arriving?/Let me see/check</li> <li>I'm sorry, sir. We don't have any more tables left at that time. What/how about 9.30?</li> <li>How many people is it for?/For how many people?/How many people are there?</li> <li>Can I have your name?/ Who is the reservation for? /What name, please? Could you spell that?</li> </ul>
Arriving at the restaurant	<ul> <li>Have you got any free tables? /Are there any places left?</li> <li>I'd like a table near the window/ in the corner/ on the terrace/ indoors/ outdoors</li> <li>Good evening. I've reserved a table for 6. My name's /under the name of</li> <li>No, we don't have a reservation, I'm afraid</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No problem, Madam</li> <li>Do you have a reservation?</li> <li>Could I have the name, please?</li> <li>No, I'm sorry, we haven't got any free tables at the moment but if you wait a few minutes there'll be some</li> <li>Can we offer you a menu while you're waiting?</li> <li>Good evening, madam. Have you got a reservation?</li> <li>In that case, I'm sorry, we're fully booked tonight</li> <li>I'll be able to seat you in ten minutes: you can have a seat in the bar and I'll come to show you to your table as soon a it is set</li> <li>Shall I take your coats?</li> <li>Can you follow me?/Would you follow me, please?/Please, follow me/Please, come this way</li> <li>Where would you like to sit?/Would you prefer to sit indoors or outdoors?/May I suggest the terrace?</li> <li>Would you like a smoking or non-smoking table?</li> <li>Would you like to take a seat?</li> <li>I'll show you to your table</li> <li>Would you like to see the wine list?</li> <li>I'm afraid you can't smoke here</li> <li>I'm afraid this table is not available but that one near the window is free</li> </ul>

	customer		Waiter/waitress
Taking orders	I'll have/I think I'll have that/ I'll take your advice/I	•	Can I get you an aperitif?
	won't have a starter	•	Can/May I take your order, sir/madam?
Setting the table	<ul><li>I'll just have a main course</li></ul>	-	Would you like to order?/ Are you ready to order?
Tablecloth	I'll have a to start with andto follow	•	Would you like to start with an appetizer?
Napkins	Is it fresh today?	-	How would you like your steak/ how would you like it
Bowl	<ul> <li>Nothing for me. Please</li> </ul>		cooked?
Soup plate	I fancy some chocolate. I think I saw something on the	-	What vegetables would you like to go with it?What
Plate	menu		dressing?
Cutlery (fork, knife, spoon,	<ul><li>Sounds perfect. I'll go for it</li></ul>	-	And to follow?/and something to follow?
teaspoon/ coffespoon)	I haven't decided yet/ I can't make up my mind	-	And what would you like to drink?
Crockery Glassware		-	What will you have as a main course?
Peppermill		-	Would you like some bread?
Cruet set (olive oil,		-	I'm afraid the special's no longer available. Sorry about that
vinegar, salt)		-	I'll bring it at once/ I'll bring you some more right away
Ice bucket		-	Would you like to see the cheese tray?
Basket bread		-	Can I take your order for dessert?
		•	Can I get you a coffee or a liqueur?Some coffee or tea?
Recommending	What do you suggest?/ What can you recommend?	•	I'd suggest
dishes	Is there anything special you recommend?	-	Why don't you try/ What about trying/ How about?
	Which wine do you suggest to go with our meal? Is	•	May I suggest/ can I recommend…?
	there anything special you recommend?	-	Theis very nice
		-	If you feel like trying a new dish, I suggest the avocado soup
		-	I suggest you try/ I would suggest you try
		•	May I suggest the catch of the day?
Describing	Excuse-me, what's?	•	It's a typical Italian dish
dishes/drinks	How ismade?/ What ismade of/ What are the	-	Itis made of
	ingredients in?/ Can you tell me whatis?	-	It hasit doesn't have any
	What's this dish?	•	It's a sort of/It's a mixture of
	Does it have any?	•	It's quite/rather spicy
	Is it very spicy?	•	It comes with/ it's served with
	What's the filling?	•	it's made by baking
	-		-

	customer	Waiter/waitress
Carrying out an order	May I have some more?	<ul> <li>Here's your /here are yoursir/Madam</li> </ul>
Service	<ul><li>We haven't got any bread/salt/spoons. We need</li></ul>	Would you like some more fish?
(cover, trolley, nutcracker,	another	Do you need something?
service cloth, cheeseboard,	Can I have another?	Would you like anything else?
tray, salver (vassoio), wine		■ Enjoy your meal!
cooler, jug, tureen		Was everything to your satisfaction?
(zuppiera), tongs, tea		
strainer, pouring		
wine/water,		
suggesting/recommending,		
describing a menu,		
ordering, taking orders, to		
uncork wine, to uncap		
water, bottle opener, dish of		
the day, starter, main		
course, side dish,		
corkscrew, finger bowl,		
dessert, to tip, slap-up meal		
– succulento-)		

Problems and	It's very draughty in here	I apologise, sir. I'll get another glass for you
	The knife is blunt!	
solutions		The bring it straightaway
	reterritie manager, piease:	- Thi sorry, sirrinadam odst a minute, sirrinadam
	Excuse me, look at this plate	I'll bring it immediately  I'm and the standard of the st
	Can I have another glass, please? This one smells	I'm sorry, madam. What's wrong with it?
	• We've been waiting for	<ul> <li>I must ask you to put out your cigar</li> </ul>
	Excuse me, this dish is absolutely inedible!	<ul> <li>I'll bring you another bottle immediately</li> </ul>
	The wine is corked!	I'll check on that immediately
	<ul><li>I find the steak too rare to my taste</li></ul>	Sorry, I'll change it for you
	The soup is too; is notenough	Did you talk to the waiter about it?
	How does the bill come to £?	May I bring you something else?
	<ul> <li>The waiter spills sauce over the customer. Look</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I'm afraid your table has been taken</li> </ul>
	what you've done! My new suit is covered in cheese	<ul> <li>I will report this and you will not be charged for the dish</li> </ul>
	sauce!	■ I'm very sorry, sir
	<ul> <li>That sounds reasonable</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Please accept my apologies</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>I'll go and ask for the manager to come</li> </ul>
		I do apologise, sir. We'll pay for it to be cleaned
		<ul> <li>We will of course pay for the jacket to be dry-cleaned</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Let me try to clean it for you</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>I deeply regret for the embarrassment you have been</li> </ul>
		caused and ask if you would accept a voucher for four
		people to have a meal here at our expense
		Could we offer you a cup of coffee while you wait? It's on
		the house
At the end of the		<ul> <li>Was everything to your satisfaction?</li> </ul>
_		<ul> <li>Was everything to your satisfaction?</li> <li>Was everything all right, sir?</li> </ul>
meal		
		How was your meal?

The bill	<ul> <li>Can you bring me the bill, please?</li> <li>In cash and keep the change/ I'll pay cash.</li> <li>How much is that?/ How much does that come to?</li> <li>May/Can/Could I have the bill/check, please?</li> <li>Separate bills, please</li> <li>Can I pay by credit card?/Do you accept credit cards?</li> <li>Which credit card do you take?</li> <li>I think there's something wrong with the drinks.</li> <li>Is this item correct?</li> <li>You've charged us for the cheese, but we didn't have any after all</li> <li>We've only had one coffee, not two.</li> <li>Is VAT included in the total?</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>How will you be paying, sir? In cash or by</li> <li>Will you sign here?</li> <li>That comes to £11.50</li> <li>Yes, sir /madam. I'll bring it to you immediately</li> <li>Have you got any I.D.?</li> <li>I'm sorry, we don't accept cheques without I.D.</li> <li>Could I help you?</li> <li>Is there a problem?</li> <li>I'm terribly sorry</li> <li>Explaining the bill: 2 sherries atthat makesWhen you add on VAT to that, it makes</li> <li>Here's your bill madam</li> <li>I'll check that for you</li> <li>Excuse-me, sir, I'll go and check</li> <li>Here's the correct bill, madam</li> <li>We've corrected the mistake</li> </ul>
Saying goodbye		<ul> <li>Shall I get your coats?</li> <li>Do you have our card?</li> <li>Let me help you madam</li> <li>We look forward to seeing you again</li> </ul>

#### At the bar

#### Taking bar orders

Assistant barman
Barman/barmaid/bartender,
bar manager, beer/ brandy /
wine/ whisky/ champagne
glass, bottle opener cocktail
shaker, corkscrew, drink,
ice bucket, sugar bowl,
sieve, straw.
Orange squash, pineapple

Orange squash, pineapple juice, a pint/ half a pint of lager/mild Slice, twist, garnish, dash,

drop

- Just a dry Martini, please
- I'd like a gin and tonic, and a coke with plenty of ice, please
- No lemon, just some ice, please
- Is it draught or bottled?
- What kind of...have you got?
- I would like a non-alcoholic aperitif
- What is the cocktail based on?
- Is there whisky in the cocktail?
- Could I have some ice (in it)?
- That's fine then
- OK, then make two, and a large gin and tonic
- No, I'll pay cash/ by Visa, here you are
- Thanks, keep the change
- How much does that come to?

- What can I get you, madam/sir?
- We have a wonderful local beer
- This house cocktail is excellent, sir
- Both sir, we have large and small bottles, and we have it on draught too
- I'm sorry, madam, we don't have that type of mineral water, but we do have this one; it's very good
- Here you are, sir
- Shall I charge it to your room, madam/sir?
- Are you staying in the hotel?
- Lemon with the gin, madam?
- That comes to €...
- Could you sign here, please?