## Unit 9

In the Dining Room: Dialogues

Useful Vocabulary

##### Conversation in a restaurant

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| Stages of a conversation | Useful phrases |
| **Welcoming the guest** | Good afternoon, sir. Good afternoon, madam. |
| **Checking the reservation** | Do you have a reservation? Have you got a reservation? |
| **Seating the guest** | Yes, we have a table for four.  A non-smoking, by the window. Follow me, please.  This way, please.  Will this table be all right? |
| **Telling the guest there isn’t a table** | I’m sorry, we are fully booked tonight. I’m sorry, the restaurant is full, but we can seat you in about half an hour. |
| **Taking an order** | Are you ready to order? Would you like an appetizer? And to follow, madam?  How would you like the steak — rare, medium or well-done?  Would you like something to drink? Would you like to see the cheese tray? Can I take your order for dessert? |
| **Explaining dishes** | It’s lamb cooked with herbs and served with spaghetti.  It’s onions and tomatoes dressed with oil and sprinkled with cheese. |

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| Stages of a conversation | Sentences |
| **Recommending a dish** | Why don’t you try the fish? I can recommend the fish. I’d suggest the fish. |
| **Double-checking the order** | So, that’s *. . .* (repeat the order). |
| **Asking about the meal** | Was everything all right, sir? How was your meal? |
| **Correcting a mistake on the bill** | Oh, I’m sorry, I’ll check that for you. We’ve corrected the mistake.  Here’s the corrected bill, madam. |
| **Payment** | We accept all types of credit cards. Service is included in the bill. |
| **Saying good buy** | Do come back again.  We hope to see you again. |

* + When a waiter takes an order, he **double-checks** that he has noted things

down right. This also gives a client a chance to make sure that they haven’t

made any mistakes and to change their mind if they want to. Begin your sentence with **”So that’s** *. . .* **”** and then repeat the order: **So that’s one** steak, **one** fish, **and two** vegetables — **is that right?**