

Ordering and asking for things

1 What would you say?

Listen to the conversation between the guest and the waiter in a restaurant. Then fill in the gaps with the expressions from the box.

here you are • keen on • what about
I'd prefer • I'm afraid • how can I help you
I'll have • certainly • can I have • I'd like

Waiter: Good evening, sir. _____ (1)?

Guest: _____ (2) the menu, please?

Waiter: Yes, of course, _____ (3). Would you like to order a drink?

Guest: Yes, please. What is the house white?

Waiter: We've got a Sauvignon blanc and an excellent Chardonnay.

Guest: In that case, a glass of Chardonnay, please.

Waiter: _____ (4), sir.

Waiter: Here's your wine. Are you ready to order?

Guest: Yes, _____ (5) a salad as a starter, please.

Waiter: Yes, and what would you like as a main dish?

Guest: I'd like fish, please. I'll have the salmon.

Waiter: I'm sorry, but _____ (6) the salmon is sold out.

_____ (7) steak? The steak is excellent today.

Guest: No, I'm not too _____ (8) red meat. _____ (9) the chicken curry.

Waiter: With rice or nan bread?

Guest: _____ (10) rice. Oh, and could you bring me some mineral water please?

Waiter: Yes, of course. Still or sparkling?

Guest: Still, please.

2 Role play: mini-dialogues

Work with a partner.

GUEST:

I'd like ... wine list/bill/...
Could you ...? English mustard/vinegar/...
Can I ...? glass/plate/...
Have you got ...? knife/fork/...
Please bring me ... clean/extra/...
Is/Are the ...? fresh/local/salted/...

WAITER/WAITRESS:

I don't know. I must ask the ...
I'm afraid, we haven't/don't ...
Of course. I'll bring it/them/...
Certainly. It won't take a minute.
That will be extra.
I'm sorry, but ...

3 What would you say?

In each group choose the question you think is the most polite. Use a 'tick' (✓).

- A1 Would you like wine with your meal?
2 We have wine. Do you want some?
3 Will you have wine, beer or nothing?

- B1 Any problems?
2 Is everything OK?
3 Is your meal in order?

- C1 What else do you want?
2 Would you like anything else?
3 Anything else?

- D1 Was your meal good?
2 Did the meat taste OK?
3 Was everything to your satisfaction?

- E1 Fancy a dessert?
2 How about something else?
3 Can I bring you anything else?
A coffee, a brandy or a dessert?

Grilled Steaks

0504	Steak of sirloin	200 g	CZK 209.00
0505	Steak of sirloin	300 g	CZK 199.00
0507	Steak of pork	200 g	CZK 159.00
0508	Steak of pork	300 g	CZK 229.00
1001	Royal grilled meat bonn with side vegetables	800 g	CZK 799.00

Chopré d'agneau, tendron of pork, salmon, trout, turkey, veal with peas, chick peas and home-baked vegetables, variety of side dishes.

Fish specialities

0558	Fried calamari in wine crust	200 g	CZK 99.00
0559	Light fried calamari	200 g	CZK 99.00
0560	Grilled shark in onion sauce	200 g	CZK 159.00
0551	Salmon 'Chef d'oeuvre'	200 g	CZK 249.00
0552	Tiger prawns on garlic or on herbs	100 g	CZK 199.00
0554	Fresh oysters	2 pcs	CZK 129.00
0556	Fried oysters	2 pcs	CZK 129.00
0455	Giant frog legs - light or deep fried	4 pcs	CZK 129.00

Grilled sea fish (price per 100 g)

0802	Salmon	CZK 119.00
0806	Sole	CZK 149.00
0807	Plaice	CZK 109.00
0808	Shark	CZK 99.00

Freshwater fish (price per 100 g)

0903	Trout	CZK 79.00
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Warm sauces with fish (70 g)

1111	Tarragon sauce	CZK 29.00
1112	Ginger sauce	CZK 49.00
1113	Fennel sauce	CZK 29.00

4 Explaining something on the menu.

a) Explaining Czech dishes to tourists isn't easy. Can you complete these descriptions?

spicy pickled sausages with onion • potato dumplings • cabbage, but pickled in brine • mineral water • soup, made from potatoes and other vegetables

- 1 What exactly is „kyselé zelí“? – Well, it's rather like _____
- 2 What are „bramborové knedlíky“? – They are similar to _____
- 3 What are „utopenci“? – They are _____
- 4 What is „bramborová polévka“? – It's a kind of _____
- 5 What is „Mattoni“? – It's a brand of _____

b) Work with a partner.

Excuse me.
What is ...?

Well, ...

Breakfast

1 Hotel breakfasts in Britain

Work with a partner. Together decide what you would expect to get for breakfast in a good British hotel and put them in a list. Then put the food and drinks into categories like this:

DRINKS:	
hot	cold

FOOD:	
hot	cold

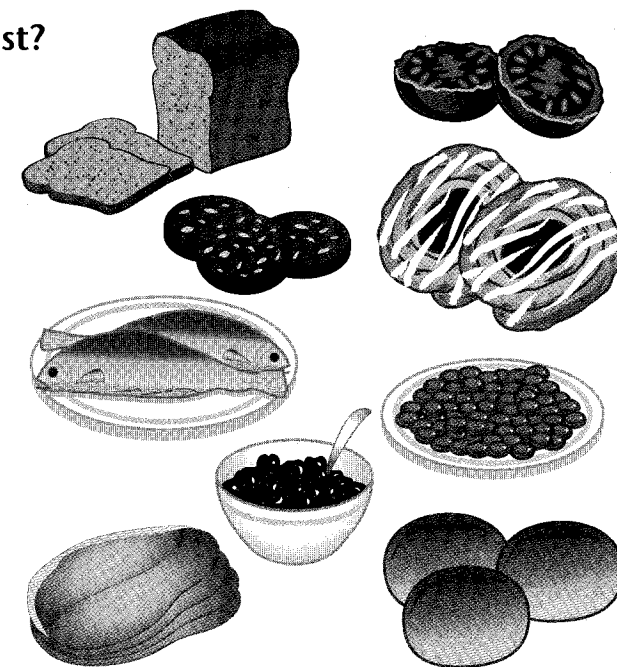
2 What's for breakfast?

Work with a partner. Look at this photo of a breakfast buffet in an English hotel. How many things can you name?



3 English or continental breakfast?

First match the adjectives to the nouns. Then decide whether these breakfast dishes are part of a typical English or continental breakfast. (Some things can go into both lists.)



- | | |
|---|--|
| ADJECTIVES
1 wholemeal
2 grilled
3 black
4 Danish
5 Scottish
6 baked
7 cold
8 strawberry
9 crispy | NOUNS
tomato
pastries
jam
kippers
beans
pudding
rolls
cuts
bread |
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English breakfast:

continental breakfast:

4 Word search: laying the table

Look at the word search on the right. There are 14 words connected with items you put on a breakfast table. They go across → and down ↓. Find them and circle them in the box. Then write the words in your exercise book.

K	X	S	P	O	O	N	S	S	A	S	W	S
N	C	U	T	L	E	R	Y	A	E	U	S	E
I	G	L	A	S	S	E	S	L	O	G	G	R
F	O	R	K	L	A	S	H	T	R	A	Y	V
E	Y	K	B	C	U	P	V	X	N	R	H	I
T	A	B	L	E	C	L	O	T	H	D	C	E
M	P	L	A	T	E	Z	U	E	I	L	Y	T
P	E	P	P	E	R	U	I	L	D	P	J	T
M	R	P	Y	D	F	H	J	W	A	C	B	E

Dinner

1 Definitions

a) Match the cooking verbs on the left with the correct definition. Write the correct letter next to the numbers below:

- | | |
|------------|--|
| 1 boil | A Place food over boiling water so it cooks in the steam. |
| 2 steam | B Cook strips of vegetables or meat quickly by stirring them in hot oil. |
| 3 fry | C Heat something to the point where it forms bubbles. |
| 4 roast | D Cook food in hot fat or oil. |
| 5 stir-fry | E Cook bread, cakes, potatoes, etc. in an oven. |
| 6 grill | F Fry food quickly in a little hot fat. |
| 7 sauté | G Cook food under or over a very strong heat. |
| 8 bake | H Cook meat, without liquid in an oven or over a fire. |
| 9 simmer | I Cook food in water that is just under boiling point. |

1 __, 2 __, 3 __, 4 __, 5 __, 6 __, 7 __, 8 __, 9 __

b) Read the two definitions and then put the following words into two lists.

Besides salt, herbs (the fresh or dried leaves of a plant) and spices (a dry powder made from either the plant or its seed) are the main ways of adding flavour to food.

cinnamon • chives • cloves •
cumin • ginger • mint •
nutmeg • parsley •
pepper • rosemary • thyme

HERBS:

SPICES:

2 How would you say it?

a) Translate the following food items into English:

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 pečené brambory _____ | 2 sázená vejce _____ |
| 3 kaše _____ | 4 rýže _____ |
| 5 míchaná vajíčka _____ | 6 hranolky _____ |

b) Describe your favourite dish in English. Does it have an English name? If not, can you think of something suitable?

3 What does a salad consist of?

Which ingredients could go into a fruit salad and a fresh salad? Put the following words under the right headings. (Some can go into both, of course.)

onion • grapes • apple • herbs •
banana • lettuce • cherries • lemon •
radish • spring onions • melon •
red/green peppers •
garlic • salt • pepper • oil •
vinegar • sugar • honey • mustard

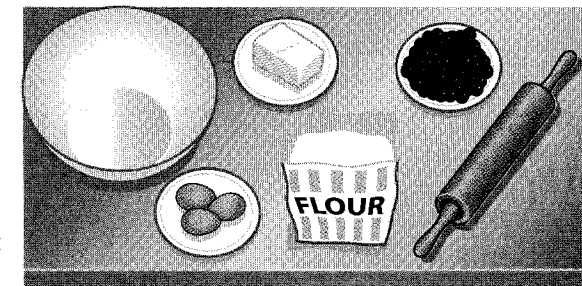
FRUIT SALAD:

FRESH SALAD:

4 Find the odd one out

Underline the word which does not fit.

- flour: oil, pie, cake, roll
- soup: salt, pepper, chocolate, spices
- milk: butter, cheese, cream, egg
- dinner: roast beef, sugar, soup, raspberry tart
- cake: flour, salad, butter, eggs



5 Role play: describing food

Work with a partner. Try and use the words you learned in the other exercises in this unit.

Can you tell me what a "pizza tonno" is, please?

Yes, certainly, Sir/Madam.

Guest:
lasagne
potato soup
schnitzel
langoš
apple pie
crêpes



Waiter/Waitress:
It consists of ...
It is made from/with ...
It is eaten with ...
It is served with ...
In English it is called ...

Can you describe any other dishes in English?

The world of food

1 Different types of food

Here are some different foods. Put them into the categories below. Then find a partner and compare your category lists. Are they the same?

asparagus • chicken • turkey • tomatoes
• milk • gherkins • potatoes •
mushrooms • ham • lamb • aubergines •
Brussel sprouts • cabbage • beef • onions
• duck • venison • cod • beans • lettuce
• garlic • boiled ham • liver pâté • carrots
• pork • liver • cheese • pepper • cream
• plaice • pears • eels

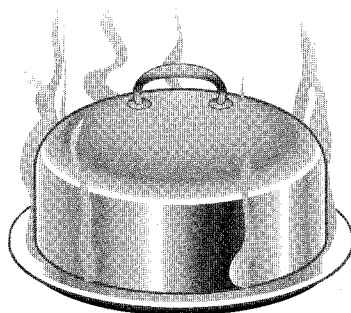
- 1 Vegetables: _____
- 2 Poultry: _____
- 3 Fruit: _____
- 4 Meat: _____
- 5 Game: _____
- 6 Spices: _____
- 7 Cold cuts: _____
- 8 Dairy products: _____
- 9 Fish: _____

13 Now listen to the CD and check the pronunciation of the words.

2 That looks good!

Match these food specialities with the descriptions below.

- 1 Hovězí guláš s houskovým knedlíkem
- 2 Smažený vepřový řízek s bramborem
- 3 Pečené vepřové koleno s hořčicí a křenem, chléb
- 4 Smažený sýr s hranolky a tatarskou omáčkou
- 5 Domácí sekaná s hořčicí, chléb
- 6 Vepřová krkovička pečená s bramborovým knedlíkem, dušené zelí
- 7 Bramboráky
- 8 Švestkové knedlíky



- A This is a thin slice of pork which is covered with flour, eggs and breadcrumbs, and fried, served with potatoes.
- B Ideal as a starter. Roasted meatloaf made from spiced minced meat. Eaten with mustard and bread.
- C This is a slice of cheese which is covered with flour, eggs and breadcrumbs, and fried, served with chips.
- D Knuckle of pork with mustard and horseradish, eaten with bread.
- E These are mouth-sized cubes of braised beef in a rich and spicy brown gravy, served with dumplings.
- F A delicious sweet dish: warm yeast dumplings filled with plums and covered with sugar, cottage cheese and melted butter.
- G A tasty traditional dish: roasted neck of pork with potato dumplings and stewed sauerkraut.
- H These are fried potato pancakes.

1 __, 2 __, 3 __, 4 __, 5 __, 6 __, 7 __, 8 __

3 Describing food

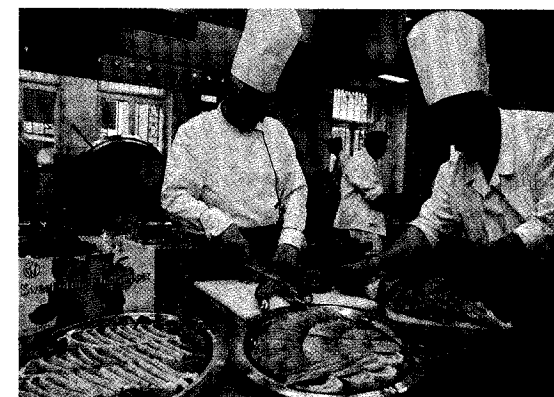
a) Read this text on food and find the English words in the text which correspond to the Czech words underneath the text. You can either use a dictionary or work with a partner.

If you work in a restaurant, the easiest way of helping guests when they choose food is to give them your menu in their own language. If you don't have one of these, there may be difficulties. Then you need to describe the dishes on the menu. Eggs, for example, can be fried, scrambled, poached or boiled. Meat can be fried, grilled, braised, boiled or even roasted.

5 Potatoes can be fried, boiled, mashed or sliced and fried in a fryer and served as chips – Americans call them French fries. Don't forget either, the three ways of serving steak: rare, medium or well done.

A very useful expression to use when describing food is "It's a (special) kind of ...". After this expression you can compare it with something your guest (or you) might know from their country. „Klops v rajské omáčce“, for example, could be described like this: "It's a kind of small to medium-sized meatball served in a tomato sauce." Other useful expressions are: "It's a mixture of (this) and (that)" and "It's like ...". If you are in real trouble, you can just say: "It's a regional speciality", but don't forget to add: "And it's delicious."

- 1 jídla _____
- 2 ztracený _____
- 3 pečený _____
- 4 dušený _____
- 5 smetanový _____
- 6 nakrájet (na plátky) _____
- 7 propečený _____
- 8 lahodný _____



b) Work with a partner:

Describe your favourite dish in English. Can your partner guess what it is?

4 What did the waitress say?

Look at the guest's answers. What questions did the waitress ask?

- 1 Would _____?
– No, thanks. I really couldn't manage an ice cream.
- 2 Would _____?
– No thanks, I won't bother with a starter.
- 3 How _____ coffee? – Yes, good idea!
- 4 How _____? – Rare, please.
- 5 Would _____?
– Yes, please! I've heard a lot about Czech cakes.