

# Restaurants and Eating Out

## *Welcome to Talk Time!*

How are you? How was your week?

Talk about the picture on the right. Where are they?  
What are they doing?



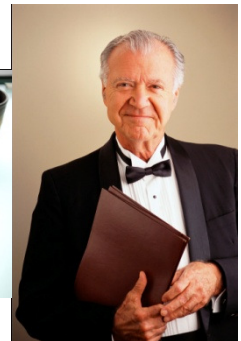
## Let's get started

**Think:** How do you choose a restaurant? What is most important to you?

- Put the following in order of what is important to you. Number 1 is most important. (See the example below.)

\_\_4\_\_ Location  
\_\_1\_\_ Cost  
\_\_2\_\_ Food  
\_\_5\_\_ Service  
\_\_3\_\_ Ambience

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- Share your answers with the group.

**Think:** What is one of your favorite restaurants? Why do you like it?

- Recommend a restaurant to a partner. Write the names of the restaurants below.
- Ask each other questions about the location, cost, food, service, and ambience.
- Then, share your recommendation with the group.

I recommend...

My partner recommends...

## Discussion

- How often do you eat out? Who do you usually go with when you eat out?
- Which meal do you like to eat at a restaurant: breakfast, lunch, or dinner?

3. Which kinds of restaurants have you been to: Thai, Korean, Chinese, Japanese, Middle Eastern, French, Mexican, Vietnamese, Russian, Italian, Indian, etc?
4. Do you think this area has a good variety of foreign restaurants? What other kinds of restaurants would you like to see opened?
5. In your native city, are there many restaurants with food from different countries?
6. If you could try one new food, what would you try? Why?
7. Do you ever drink alcoholic beverages when you eat out? Do you ever go out during happy hour?
8. Would you send a dish back if it did not taste good or if you received the wrong food?
9. Why is it important to tip waiters and waitresses in America? How do you decide how much of a tip to give?
10. Do you tip at restaurants in your native country? Explain.



### Activity

As a group, read the conversations below.

*Ada arrives at the restaurant.*

**Hostess:** Hello. Welcome to Jasmine's.

**Ada:** Hello. I have a reservation at 6:30.

**Hostess:** What's your name?

**Ada:** Ada Pang.

**Hostess:** Table for two?

**Ada:** Yes, thank you.

**Hostess:** Right this way, please.

*Ada and Phi order food.*

**Waiter:** Hi, my name is Daniel. I will be your waiter this evening. What would you like to drink?

**Ada:** I will have a Thai iced tea, please.

**Waiter:** And for you, ma'am?

**Phi:** Just water for me, thank you.

**Waiter:** Would you like any appetizers?

**Ada:** Yes, we will have the ginger prawns.

**Waiter:** Excellent choice. I will be back shortly.

Discuss these questions as a group.

- What kind of restaurant is this? Do you think this is an expensive or cheap restaurant? Why?
- Have you ever made a reservation at a restaurant?
- What other words and phrases do you hear at restaurants?
- Do you feel comfortable ordering food in English? Explain.

Practice ordering food in English.

Pretend your Talk Time group is at a restaurant. Look at the menu (provided by your leader). Together, choose two appetizers. Each person should also choose a beverage and a main course. Your leader will take your order.