

A background image showing a group of people's hands stacked together in a circle on a wooden table, symbolizing teamwork. The image is partially covered by a yellow and blue geometric overlay.

NEW BUSINESS ENGLISH 5

Lesson 39

At the Restaurant



LEARNING GOALS

- ◆ Ordering Meals at a Restaurant
- ◆ Paying the Bill



What would you say?

Scenario: Imagine you are at a fine dining restaurant. What would you order?



May I take your order?

Situational Dialogue

- ▶ Shawn Liu, the host colleague in the branch office, treats Kenzo to dinner.



Kenzo Hara

Shawn Liu

Waitress



Good evening.
May I ask for the menu?

Yes, sir.
Here you are.







Kenzo, what would you like to have?

It's my first time in Shanghai.
I want to try some local food.
Is there anything you recommend?





Sure! We'll have 20 steamed soup dumplings and braised pork for the main course.

Okay. Your order will be set within ten minutes.



After dinner...

Excuse me, may I
have the bill, please?

Sure.
That will be 343 yuan.





After dinner...

How would you like to pay, sir?
By cash or credit card?

I'll pay by card.



Key Vocabulary

Learn the new words and answer the questions.



menu

(n.) a list of the food that you can eat in a restaurant

e.g. The **menu** features a variety of burgers, hotdogs, and coffee.



local

(adj.) something that is associated with a particular area or country

e.g. They love trying **local** food when they travel.

Key Vocabulary

Learn the new words and answer the questions.



main course

(n.) the main part of a meal

e.g. I had salmon for my
main course.



bill

*(n.) a list showing how much
you have to pay for food you
have eaten in a restaurant*

e.g. The waiter is
preparing the **bill.**

Dialogue Review

Have a role play and answer the questions.



Shawn Liu, the host colleague in the branch office, treats Kenzo to dinner.

Shawn: Good evening. May I ask for the **menu**?

Waitress: Yes, sir. Here you are.

Shawn: Kenzo, what would you like to have?

Kenzo: It's my first time in Shanghai. I want to try some **local** food.
Is there anything you recommend?

Shawn: Sure! We'll have 20 steamed soup dumplings and braised pork
for the **main course**.

Waitress: OK. Your order will be set within ten minutes.

Shawn: (After dinner) Excuse me, may I have the **bill**, please?

Waitress: Sure. That will be 343 yuan.
How would you like to pay, sir? By cash or credit card?

Shawn: I'll pay by card.



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Is there anything you recommend?

Shawn: Sure! **We'll have 20 steamed soup dumplings and braised pork for the main course.**

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How would you like to pay, sir? By cash or credit card?

Shawn: **I'll pay by card.**



**1. Ordering Meals
at a Restaurant**



2. Paying the Bill

Learning Goals

Learn the key expressions and sentence structures.

∴ Ordering Meals at a Restaurant

- May I ask for the menu?
- Is there anything you recommend?
- For the **(course)**, I'd like a/ some **(food)**.
- Can we have **(food)**, please?
- I'll have a **(food)**, please.

Example sentences:

- For the main course, I'd like some braised pork.
- Can we have braised pork, please?
- I'll have a piece of chicken with vegetables, please.

5-Course Meal

1st – Appetizer

2nd – Soup

3rd – Salad

4th – Main Course

5th – Dessert



How would you ask the waiter if he could recommend a local dish?

Learning Goals

Learn the key expressions and sentence structures.

∴ Paying the Bill

- Excuse, me. May I have the check/ bill, please?
- I would like my check/ bill, please.
- Can you please bring me the check/ bill?
- I'll pay + (payment method).
- I'd like to use (payment method) to pay.

Example sentences:

- I'll pay in cash/ by credit card.
- I'd like to use my credit card to pay.

“Check, please”
is an informal way to ask
for the bill at a restaurant.

- **Check, please.**
(American English)
- **Bill, please.**
(British English)



How would you ask the waiter for the bill?

Semi-open Dialogue

Have a role play.

Scenario: Imagine you are going to treat your friend at the restaurant.
Order a full course meal and pay the bill afterwards.



∴ You can refer to the following key expressions:

- Could I ask for the menu?
- For the (course), I'd like a/ some (food).
- May I have the check/ bill, please?
- I'll pay by (payment method).

Coffee Break

Learn some etiquette for your next business dinner.

Business Dining Etiquette



-5 mins

Be 5 minutes early.



Wait for the host to sit first before you do.



If the host doesn't order first, ask for his/her recommendation.



Don't discuss business unless you have received drinks and ordered your meals.



Thank the host.
Shake hands before you leave.



What are some dining etiquettes specific to your country?

Overview

Keywords and expressions:

menu/ local / main course/ bill

Could I ask for the menu?

Is there anything you recommend?

For the (course), I'd like a/ some (food).

Excuse, me. May I have the check/ bill, please?

Can you please bring me the check?

I'll pay by (payment method).

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