

## Eating Out



### ☺ Dialogue

**A.** How did you enjoy family party at ‘Ginger’s’? I hear that they have a lovely menu and buffet.

**B.** Oh, it was great. We had the seafood buffet. They do one every Friday. The waiters and waitresses are very good. They are very attentive, but don’t hang around the table.

**A.** I like the buffets they have, but I often order a la carte, because I don’t feel extremely hungry. I like the wine list there too.

**B.** Yes, so do I. They have wines from all over the world. There is a good range of prices to suit every pocket. We ordered some Australian red wine, which tasted delicious and wasn’t very expensive.

**A.** Some restaurants allow you to take your own wine and just charge you corkage, but they don’t do that at ‘Ginger’s’. What was included in the seafood buffet?

**B.** They had almost every kind of seafood. There were oysters, shrimp, prawns, crabs, and fish. I ate a lot of smoked salmon.

**A.** Did they have lobster?

**B.** No, they didn’t. You could order it from the menu. I think that lobster is too expensive to be included in the buffet.



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A. Yes, it probably as. I don't like ordering oysters in restaurants. You never know whether they are fresh.

B. I know, I didn't eat any, but a few people in our group did and no one got sick.

A. When you eat out, do you usually eat from the buffet?

B. Not usually. I usually just order a main course and have a dessert if I'm still hungry afterwards.

A. Oh, you don't usually have a starter?

B. No. I might have a soup if it's a cold winter day.

### ☺ Useful Expressions

1. I'd like to book a table for Friday evening please.
2. We can book you a private room for up to ten people at that time.
3. I hear that they have a lovely menu and buffet.
4. They are very attentive, but don't hang around the table.
5. I often order a la carte, because I don't feel extremely hungry.
6. When you eat out, do you usually eat from the buffet?

### ☺ Vocabularies

**Waitress-** Serve as a waiter or waitress in a restaurant  
**Example:** "I'm waitressing on tables at Maxim's"

**Order-** Make a request for something  
**Example:** "Order me some flowers"; "order a work stoppage"

**Menu-** A list of dishes available at a restaurant  
**Example:** "the menu was in French"

**Drinks-** Any liquid suitable for drinking  
**Example:** "may I take your drink order?"



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<b>Services-</b>	Performance of duties or provision of space and equipment helpful to others
<b>Example:</b>	"the mayor tried to maintain city services"; "the medical services are excellent"
<b>Table-</b>	A set of data arranged in rows and columns
<b>Example:</b>	"see table 1"

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