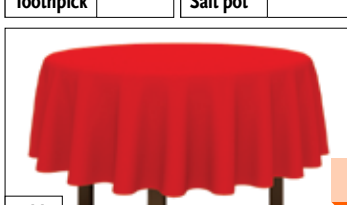
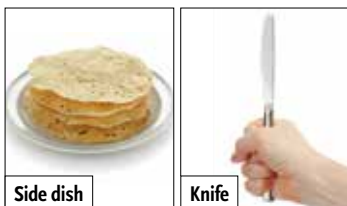
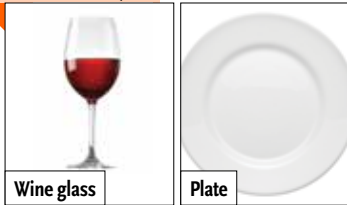


# AT THE RESTAURANT

## Vocabulary



## More words

- **Menu** - a piece of paper with the prices and list of things you can eat in the restaurant.
- **Starter** - food you eat before the main course: soup, a salad, etc.
- **Main course** - the large plate of food you order: fish and chips; steak with potatoes, etc.
- **Dessert** - a sweet dish you eat at the end of the meal: cake, yoghurt, sorbet, etc.
- **Set menu** - a fixed price for a starter, main course and dessert. There's usually a limited choice of options.
- **Bill** - a piece of paper that tells you how much you have to pay for your meal.
- **Steak** - you can have your steak done three different ways: "rare" (cooked for a very short period of time so it's still red inside), "medium" (cooked a bit until it's brown on both sides) or "well-done" (cooked for a longer period of time).

## Useful expressions

### What you say

- We'd like a table for two, please.
- We've got a reservation under the name of Jones.
- Could you bring us the oil and vinegar, please?
- I'll have the soup as a starter, please.
- I'll have the steak for the main course.
- Where's the bathroom, please?
- Could we have the bill, please?

### What you hear

- Can I get you a drink while you're waiting?
- Are you ready to order?
- What do you want for the main course?
- Would you like a starter?
- What would you like to drink with your meal?
- Would you like any wine with that?
- How would you like your steak?
- Would you like any dessert or coffee?

## Dialogue: The meal

Megan and her husband Bob are in a restaurant.  
W=Waiter M=Megan B=Bob

W: Good evening.  
M: Good evening. We'd like a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for two, please.  
W: Certainly. This way, please.  
Can I get you a drink?  
M: Yes, I'll have a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of white wine, please.  
B: And I'll have a bottle of Heineken, please.  
W: OK. [He gives them the menu.]  
Our special of the day is mushroom soup and a fillet of (3) \_\_\_\_\_ with sautéed potatoes.  
M: OK. Thanks.  
W: (After a few minutes the waiter returns.) Here are your (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Are you ready to order?  
M: Yes, I'll have the special, please.  
B: And I'll have the salad as a starter, and I'd like the steak for the main course, please.  
W: And how would you like your steak?  
B: Well (5) \_\_\_\_\_, please.  
W: OK, so that's one special, and one salad and a well done steak.  
M: That's right.  
W: Perfect.

(an hour later)

W: Was everything all right?  
M: Yes, very nice, thank you.  
W: Would you like any coffee or (6) \_\_\_\_\_?  
M: No, just the bill, please.  
W: Will you be paying by credit (7) \_\_\_\_\_?  
M: Yes.  
W: OK. I'll just go and get the...  
[fades out]

## GLOSSARY

sautéed potatoes <sup>11</sup>  
thin slices of potato that have been cooked quickly in hot oil