**At a Restaurant Alone**

This dialog provides most the basic questions you'll need to know when going to a restaurant alone:

*Server*: Hi. How are you doing this afternoon?  
*Customer*: Fine, thank you.

Can I see a menu, please?  
*Server*: Certainly, here you are.  
*Customer*: Thank you. What's today's special?  
*Server*: Grilled tuna and cheese on rye.  
*Customer*: That sounds good. I'll have that.  
*Server*: Would you like something to drink?  
*Customer*: Yes, I'd like a coke.

*Server*: Thank you. (returning with the food) Here you are. Enjoy your meal!  
*Customer*: Thank you.  
*Server*: Can I get you anything else?  
*Customer*: No thanks. I'd like the check, please.  
*Server*: That'll be $14.95.  
*Customer*: Here you are. Keep the change!  
*Server*: Thank you! Have a good day!  
*Customer*: Goodbye.

**Key Vocabulary**

Learn this key vocabulary from the dialogue to be ready the next time you go to a restaurant:

Can I see a menu?  
Here you are  
Enjoy your meal!  
Would you like ...  
Can I get you anything else?  
I'd like the check, please.  
That'll be ...  
Have a good day!

**At a Restaurant with Friends**

Next, practice eating with friends at a restaurant with these questions to help choose what to eat:

Kevin: The spaghetti looks really good.   
Alice: It is! I had it the last time I was here.  
Peter: How is the pizza, Alice?  
Alice: It's good, but I think the pasta is better. What would you recommend?  
Server: I'd recommend the lasagna. It's excellent!  
Alice: That sounds great. I'll have that.  
Server: Fine.

Would you like an appetizer?  
Alice: No, lasagna is more than enough for me!  
Kevin: I think I'll have the lasagna as well.  
Server: Right. That's two lasagnas. Would you care for an appetizer?  
Kevin: Yes, I'll take the calamari.   
Peter: Oh, that sounds good! I can't decide between the chicken marsala and grilled fish.  
Server: The fish is fresh, so I'd recommend that.  
Peter: Great. I'll have the fish. I'd also like a salad.  
Server: What would you like to drink?  
Kevin: I'll have water.  
Alice: I'd like a beer.  
Peter: I'll take a glass of red wine.  
Server: Thank you. I'll get the drinks and the appetizers.  
Kevin:  Thank you.

**Key Vocabulary**

Here are some key phrases used to discuss food in a restaurant when deciding on what to eat:

The spaghetti / steak / chicken looks good.  
How is the pizza / fish / beer?  
What would you recommend?  
I'd recommend the lasagna / steak / pizza.  
Would you like an appetizer?  
Would you care for an appetizer / a beer / a cocktail?  
I'll take / have a beer / steak / a glass of wine.

**At a Restaurant Quiz**

Use one word to fill in the gaps to complete the dialog:

*Server*: Good afternoon.   
*Customer*: Good afternoon. Can I see a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, please? (1)  
*Server*: Certainly, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you are.

(2)  
*Customer*. Everything looks good. What would you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? (3)  
*Server*: I'd recommend our chicken or the fresh fish.  
*Customer*: Great, I'll \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the fresh fish. (4)  
*Server*: Would you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an appetizer? (5)  
*Customer*: No, thank you.   
*Server*: Can I get you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to drink? (6)  
*Customer*: Yes, I'd \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a glass of milk, please. (7)  
*Server*: Excellent. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ your meal! (8)  
*Customer*: Thank you.

(later)

*Customer*: I'd like the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, please. (9)  
*Server*: Certainly, that'll \_\_\_\_\_ $25. (10)  
*Customer*: Thank you. Keep the \_\_\_\_\_\_! (11)  
*Server*: Thank you.  
*Customer*: Have a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day! (12)

Answers:

1. menu
2. here
3. recommend
4. take / have
5. like
6. anything / something
7. like
8. enjoy
9. check / bill
10. be
11. change
12. good / great