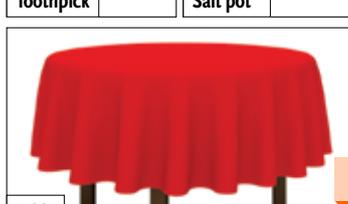
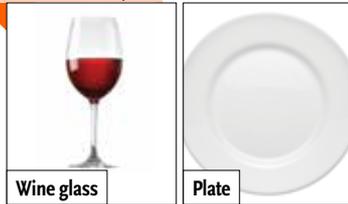


AT THE RESTAURANT

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 ¹¹
 thin slices of potato that have been cooked quickly in hot oil