UNIT 9

Practice

##### MAKING SUGGESTIONS Recommending items on the menu

* 1. Guest: Waiter, what would you recommend for the main course?

Waiter: **I’d suggest beef**. It’s very good.

* 1. Waiter: **So it’s** prawn cocktail *. . .* **and as a main course?**

Guest: I don’t know *. . .* I can’t decide.

Waiter: **Why don’t you try** beef with mushrooms?

##### It’s one of the chef ’s specialities.

* 1. Guest: I’ll just have a cup of strong coffee.

Waiter: **If you like** strong coffee, **try the** espresso.

* 1. Guest: I fancy some chocolate. I think I saw something on the menu.

Waiter: **If you like** chocolate, **I can recommend the** chocolate soufflé.

* 1. Guest: I’d like to have a traditional dessert.

Waiter: **If you would like** something very English, **I can recommend**

sherry trifle.

##### Now make suggestions for the following situations.

* + - 1. What wine would you recommend? (pinot ros´e)
      2. I’m very hungry. (an English breakfast)
      3. I am fond of fish. (fish stew)
      4. I feel thirsty. (beer)
      5. It’s very hot, so I’d like to eat something light. (stewed vegetables)
      6. I don’t like cabbage. What other vegetables can you offer? (peas or potatoes)
      7. I’d rather not have cakes, as I’m on a slimming diet. What else is there for the dessert? (fruit salad)

##### Different ways of asking about things we prefer

* 1. — **Would you like orange juice or grapefruit juice?**

— Orange juice, please.

##### **—** Would you rather have sweet wine or dry wine?

— I’d rather have sweet wine.

##### **—** Would you prefer tea or coffee?

— Coffee, please.

##### Make similar questions and answers

**a** steak or chicken

**b** fish or meat

**c** cakes or fruit

**d** bitter beer or mild beer

1. the table d’hˆote menu or a la carte
2. coffee at the table or in the lounge

##### Study the examples:

1. Guest: I’ll have a glass of wine, please. (red or white) Waiter: Would you like red or white wine, sir?
2. Guest: Could we order our coffee now? (espresso or cappuccino) Waiter: Would you rather have black espresso or cappuccino, sir?
3. Guest: I’d like some tea, please? (with milk or lemon) Waiter: Would you like it with milk or lemon, madam?

##### Ask about the guests’ preferences in the same way.

* 1. I’ll have beer. (light or dark)
  2. We’d like a table for two. (by the window or in the centre of the dining room)
  3. Could you bring us some more bread? (white or brown)
  4. Bring me some vegetables. (cabbage or potatoes)
  5. Give me some tea, please. (strong or weak)
  6. Can I have bacon and eggs? (scrambled or fried)
  7. I’d like some hot drink. (tea or coffee)
  8. Can I have coffee? (with cream or without)
  9. I’d like fried eggs. (with ham or bacon)
  10. Can I have an egg? (poached or boiled)