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SECTION 1

# Receiving Guests in a Restaurant

- Welcoming Guests and Showing Them to Their Table
- Asking Guests to Wait for a Table
- **3** Asking Guests to Share a Table





# Welcoming Guests and Showing Them to Their Table





### **CONVERSATION**











A head waitress welcomes a **party**<sup>1</sup> of guests, confirms their **reservation**,<sup>2</sup> and shows them to a table.



Good evening. Welcome to the Pine Tree Restaurant.



Good evening.



Do you have a reservation with us this evening?



Yes, we have a reservation under the name Thompson.



One moment, please. [The head waitress checks the reservation list.] Ah, here we are: Thompson. A table for three at seven o'clock.



That's right.



Where would you like to sit?



I'd **prefer**<sup>3</sup> to sit by the window.



Wonderful. Follow<sup>4</sup> me, please. [The head waitress leads the guests to their table.]
Is this table OK?



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Yes, this will be fine.



Great! Please take a seat. Here are your menus.<sup>5</sup> Your waiter will be along soon to take your order.<sup>6</sup>

#### **Word Bank**

- 1. party [`partɪ] (n.) 一行人
- 2. reservation [ˌrɛzə^veʃən] (n.) 訂位
- 3. **prefer** [prɪ'f3'] (v.) 寧可, 更喜歡
- 4. **follow** [`falo] (v.) 跟隨

- 5. menu ['mɛnju] (n.) 菜單
- 6. order ['order] (n.) 點餐







take an order



## SENTENCE PATTERNS

Welcome to the

Pine Tree Restaurant. Seven Seas Grill. Red Sun Steakhouse. Coffee Inn.

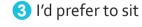






2 We have a reservation under the name

Thompson. Green. Jones. Davies.



by the window. by the band. near the bar.





Your waiter Your waitress One of our servers Someone

will be along soon to take your order.





Practice the following conversation with a partner. Then have similar conversations using the information in the reservation list.





- (1) Welcome to Freddie's Bistro. Do you have a reservation with us this evening?
- G Good evening. Yes, we have a reservation.
- (I) OK. What's the name?
- G Grant.

[A few seconds later.]

- Ah, here it is. Grant; table for five at five thirty. We have a table ready for you. Please follow me.
- G Thank you very much.





H: Head Waiter G: Guest

#### A Welcoming Guests

- \* Good evening.
- \* Good afternoon. H
  - \* Welcome to our restaurant.
- \* Do you have a reservation? H
  - \* Do you have a booking1?
  - \* Have you booked a table?
- \* How many people are in your H party?

- \* Good evening.
- \* Good afternoon.
- \* Thank you.
- \* Yes. It's under the name Davies.
- \* No, we don't.
- \* No, we haven't.
- \* Three.
  - \* There are three of us right now, but two more will be joining us later.

#### **B** Finding a Table

- \* Would you like a table near the H window?
- \* Yes, that would be wonderful.
- \* Could we sit on the terrace<sup>2</sup> instead?
- \* Smoking or non-smoking? H
- \* Non-smoking, please.
- \* Smoking, please.
- \* What about that table? Can we sit there?
- \* I'm sorry. That table has been reserved by another party.

#### **Word Bank**

1. booking ['bukɪŋ] (n.) 預訂

2. terrace ['tɛrəs] (n.) 露天平台

Intonation Quiz: Listen to the MP3. Draw a / if you hear a rising intonation and a \ if you hear a falling intonation. Too

\_ Would you like to sit in the smoking area or the non-smoking area?