



Unit 24 – Eating out

Task 04

Announcer: Anna was afraid of making a reservation on the phone. So she went to the restaurant to find out if they would have a table for the next day. Listen to Anna making a reservation.

Anna: Good afternoon! My name is Anna Steiner. I would like to make a reservation for tomorrow at 8 p.m. Do you have a table for two?

Waitress: Certainly, just a moment. Yes, that should be just fine. Let me see. Would you like to sit by the window? I can seat you on the terrace as well, if you would prefer.

Anna: A table on the terrace would be nice. Abu Dhabi by night from the 20th floor should certainly be stunning.

Waitress: The reservation is under the name Anna Steiner for 8 o'clock on the sky terrace, weather permitting. Is that ok with you?

Anna: Sure. It's perfect. We're looking forward to tomorrow night. Bye!

Announcer: Listen to Anna and Johannes making their choices from the menu.

Johannes: What a great place, Anna. I'm sure we'll be able to find something we will enjoy here!

Waitress: Hello, my name is Alhena. Welcome to our restaurant. I will be your waitress tonight. Have you decided on the drinks you would like to order?

Anna: Yes, I think we have. Johannes, would you like to start?

Johannes: Sure, just a bottle of sparkling mineral water, please.

Anna: I would like natural still spring water to drink. It's just too hot for anything else.

Waitress: Fine. May I recommend today's three-course meal to you? For the starter, I would suggest the goat cheese and figs wrapped in bacon. Then, we have two special main courses today; one with meat and one vegetarian. The meat course is Kaliet Bandoura Bil Lahmieh, which is sautéed tomato with lamb fillet. The vegetarian main course is Masala Dosa which is crispy flat bread filled with spicy potatoes and cashew nuts. Finally, for dessert we have yoghurt, sweet naan and tropical fruit.

Johannes: That sounds very nice. We would like to order the courses you recommended. I'll take the meat course and you, Anna?

Anna: I'll try the vegetarian dish. That sounds interesting to me.

Waitress: Great choice, thank you. I'll be with you in a moment to serve your drinks.



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Anna: (*whispering*) Did you understand the recommendations. I have no idea what dishes I ordered. What about you?

Johannes: It's the same with me! Anyway, I'm happy she recommended something. Otherwise I wouldn't have known what to choose. It's exciting, I like it.

(*Pause, after the meal*)

Waitress: Did you enjoy your meals?

Anna: It was perfect. Thank you.

Waitress: Would you like an Arabian coffee with your dessert?

Johannes: Yes, that would be nice. One for me, please. Anna, what about you?

Anna: Oh, no thank you. I wouldn't be able to sleep tonight, if I had one.

Announcer: Listen to Anna and Johannes paying at the restaurant.

Anna: Excuse me, could we have the bill, please?

Waitress: Certainly, madam. Would you like to pay in cash?

Anna: No, I'd like to pay by credit card.

Waitress: Are you paying separately?

Johannes: No, we're paying together.

Waitress: Just a moment, I'll be right back.

Anna: (*whispering*) What about tipping in Abu Dhabi? Do you know anything about that?

Johannes: The menu says "Tips are included". So I don't think we have to leave any money on the table. This is a first-class restaurant, after all.

(*Waitress comes back*)

Waitress: Here is your bill, madam. Please sign here for the credit card receipt. Thank you! I hope you enjoyed your evening. Shall I order a taxi for you?

Johannes: No, thank you. Our hotel is not too far. Good bye.

Waitress: Good bye!

(*Pause*)

Anna: Well, this evening was stunning.

Johannes: ... and quite expensive.

Anna: Tomorrow, we'll go to the night market and have food there, instead. That will balance our budget.