

Lesson 44: At a Café or Restaurant

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

David: I'm so glad I finally get to eat here again. The food here is fabulous. I don't know why you've never eaten here before.

Tadashi: (Looking at the menu) How fresh are the fish here?

David: The restaurant is really near the wharf so it probably arrives fresh every morning. We can ask the servers.

Tadashi: I'll take your word for it. I'll have the poached sea bass. For my appetizer, I'd like some oysters. What about you?

David: I'll have some calamari **for starters**. For my main course, I'll have the grilled salmon.

Tadashi: That sounds so much better than my poached fish. I'll just have the salmon instead.

David: It has a side serving of seaweed salad with balsamic vinegar. The dish goes well with red wine.

Tadashi: We're forgetting the dessert. What do you recommend?

David: The cheesecake here is to die for. I've tried it with blueberry tea and it was a perfect match.

Tadashi: Great! Let's order. (gesturing to the waiter)

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. A: I'd like to write a novel someday. Can you give me some tips? B: **For starters**, you have to have a good imagination.
2. A: My doctor told me that I have to lose at least 10 kilos. How am I going to do that? B: Stop drinking those expensive, creamy coffee drinks **for starters**. Then, you should exercise every day.
3. I paid \$3000 to the school and that's just **for starters**. The fee doesn't include my books and uniform.

* for starters / まず第一に、まず手始めに

3. Your Task

Your friend is new in town. He/She would like to take his/her spouse out to a special dinner. He/She asks you about the best restaurant around the area. Recommend a good restaurant to your friend (=your tutor). Tell him/her why you think it's good and about the dishes that you've tried there before.

4. Let's Talk

When was the last time you were in a restaurant or cafe?
 What did you order? Which do you like better: to eat out
 or to cook your own food? Explain your answer.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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