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Dialogues - Ordering Food

A. Dialogue

- Waiter: **Can I take your order now?**
- Customer: **Could you give me a few more minutes?**
- Waiter: **Certainly. Take your time.**
- (a few minutes later)*
- Waiter: **Are you ready to order now?**
- Customer: **Yes. I'd like an 8 oz. steak please.**
- Waiter: **Would you like potatoes or rice with your steak?**
- Customer: **What kind of potatoes do you have?**
- Waiter: **We have baked, mashed, or French fries.**
- Customer: **I'll have French fries please.**
- Waiter: **And how would you like your steak done?**
- Customer: **Medium-rare, please.**
- Waiter: **Would you like anything to start?**
- Customer: **I'll have a salad please.**
- Waiter: **We have Greek, Italian, and Caesar salad, as well as a house salad.**
- Customer: **I'll have the house salad with oil and vinegar dressing.**
- Waiter: **Would you like a beverage?**
- Customer: **I'll have a large diet Coke.**
- Waiter: **And would you like anything for dessert?**
- Customer: **What do you suggest?**
- Waiter: **The apple pie is my favorite.**
- Customer: **Okay. I'll try that.**
- Waiter: **I'll put your order in and be right back with some hot rolls and butter.**
- Customer: **Thank you.**

**B. Practice**

Work with your partner. Role-play the dialogue, substituting the different expressions below. Then reverse roles.

Can I take your order now?

Would you like to order now?

Are you ready to order now?

Have you had time to look at the menu yet?

Could you give me a few more minutes?

Can I have a few more minutes, please?

I'd like a few more minutes.

I'm not quite ready. I need a few more minutes.

Certainly. Take your time.

Of course. Don't hurry.

Sure. I'll come back in a few minutes.

I'd like an 8 oz. steak please.

I'll have a 12 oz. steak please.

Can I please have the rack of lamb.

Can I have the pork roast.

I'd like the roast beef please.

fried chicken

grilled salmon

How would you like your steak done?

Rare, please.

medium rare

medium

medium well

well done.

I'll have baked potatoes.

I'd like

I'll take

**Would you like anything to start?**

Would you like anything to begin with?

Would you like an appetizer?

soup?

a salad?

We have a Greek, Italian, and Caesar salad, **as well as** a house salad.

in addition to a house salad.

We have a Greek, Italian, Caesar and house salad.

I'll have the house salad with oil and vinegar dressing.

Thousand Island dressing.

Italian dressing.

French dressing.

blue cheese dressing.

Would you like a beverage?

Would you like anything to drink?

Will there be anything to drink?

I'll have a large diet Coke.

a cup of coffee.

Just water, please.

What do you suggest?

What do you recommend?

What's good?

Any suggestions?

The apple pie is my favorite.

The chocolate mousse is delicious.

The lemon cheesecake is wonderful.

The strawberry tart is fantastic.

Okay. **I'll try that.**

I'd like that.

I'll order that.

I'll take that.

I'll be right back with some hot rolls and butter.

I'll be back in a minute with your water.

I'll be back right away with your cutlery and napkins.



C. Expand Your Vocabulary

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Work with your partner. Fill in the chart below with as many food items as you can think of.

Appetizer – First Course	Entrée - Main Course	Side Dish	Dessert	Beverage
Ex. <i>salad</i>	<i>steak</i>	<i>French fries</i>	<i>pie</i>	<i>Coke</i>

**D. Now It's Your Turn**

Complete the dialogue below with appropriate expressions.

Waiter: _____ now?

Customer: _____ a few more minutes.

Waiter: _____ .

(a few minutes later)

Waiter: _____ ?

Customer: Yes. _____ please.

Waiter: Would you like _____ with _____ ?

Customer: What kind of potatoes do you have?

Waiter: We have _____ .

Customer: _____ French fries please.

Waiter: And how would you like your _____ done?

Customer: _____ , please.

Waiter: _____ ?

Customer: I'll have a salad please.

Waiter: We have Greek, Italian, and Caesar salad, as well a house salad.

Customer: _____ the house salad with _____ dressing.

Waiter: _____ ?

Customer: _____ large diet Coke.

Waiter: And would you like anything for dessert?

Customer: What _____ ?

Waiter: _____

Customer: Okay. _____ .

Waiter: I'll put your order in and _____

Customer: Thank you.