Restaurants and Reviews

Warm up

- How often do you eat out?
- What's your favourite restaurant? What type of cuisine do they serve?
- What was the last restaurant you ate at? How was it?
- Do you think very expensive restaurants are worth it, or are they just overpriced?
- How would you describe your country's cuisine? What are some of your country's most popular dishes?
- Do you tip at restaurants in your country? What do you think about tipping?
- If you had to open a restaurant, what type of restaurant would you open and why?

1. With a partner, rank what is most important for you in a restaurant from 1 to 6 (1 is the most important, 6 is the least important). Then tell the class about your ranking.

Value for Money	Friendly Staff	Tasty Food
Portion Size	Fast Service	Atmosphere

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2. Read through the restaurant reviews and discuss with a partner which you would go to.

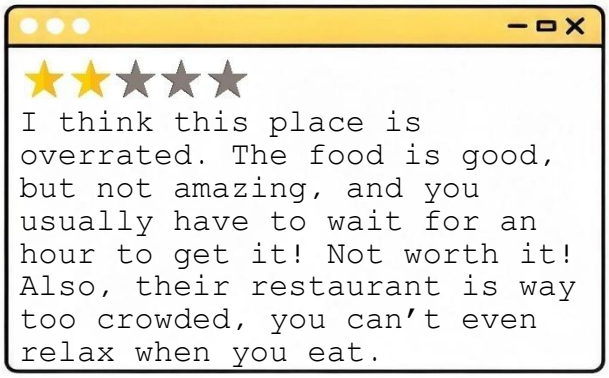
The Mad Chicken

Oh my God this is by far the best fried chicken place! The chicken is crunchy and soft, and the spicy burgers are amazing! If you like deep fried food, you can't miss this!

I was pretty disappointed. The food is too greasy, and the staff were a little rude when I asked them to explain something on the menu! They do have really good chips though.

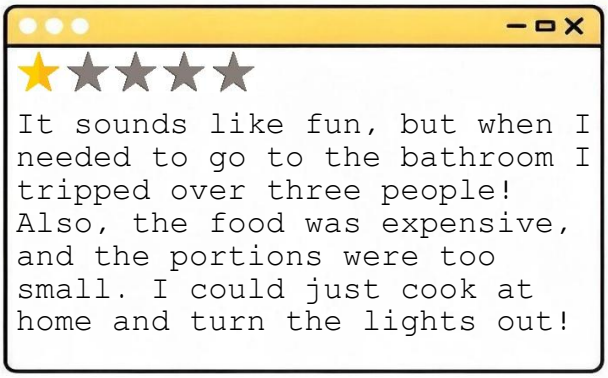
Carlito's Tacos

Incredible tacos, really authentic Mexican food. Their food is always fresh, and they cook the meat in front of you! My only complaint is that the line is way too long!


I think this place is overrated. The food is good, but not amazing, and you usually have to wait for an hour to get it! Not worth it! Also, their restaurant is way too crowded, you can't even relax when you eat.

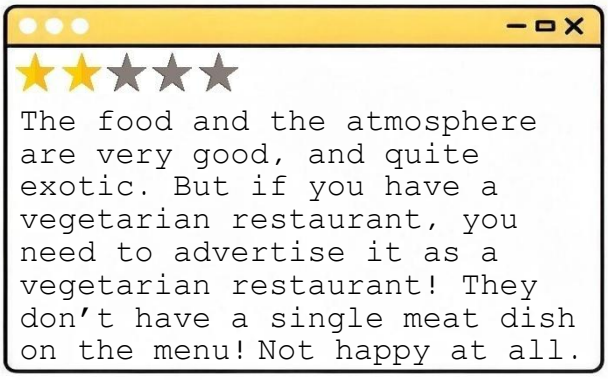
Dinner in the Dark

Great idea for a restaurant, the restaurant is completely dark so you can't even see what you're eating! My family and I had fun, but I'm pretty sure we left a big mess too!


It sounds like fun, but when I needed to go to the bathroom I tripped over three people! Also, the food was expensive, and the portions were too small. I could just cook at home and turn the lights out!

Taste of Nepal

One of the best vegetarian restaurants in town, incredible curries and dumplings! My only complaint is that some of the food is slightly too spicy.


The food and the atmosphere are very good, and quite exotic. But if you have a vegetarian restaurant, you need to advertise it as a vegetarian restaurant! They don't have a single meat dish on the menu! Not happy at all.

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3. You are going to listen to a couple discuss the restaurants above. The discussion contains the vocabulary in the box. Use the vocabulary to complete the sentences below.

look up	blind	fancy	realise
upset	anniversary	suit	ages

a) The accident left him ..... in one eye.

b) He wore a dark ..... to the job interview.

c) She was ..... because her boyfriend forgot her birthday.

d) We're celebrating our tenth wedding ..... this weekend.

e) They went to a ..... restaurant, it was expensive, but it was worth it.

f) I haven't seen my cousin in ....., it's been at least 5 years.

g) I didn't ..... that the shop was closed, so I tried to go in.

h) Can you ..... the address of the restaurant and give me directions?

4. Now listen to the conversation[1] and answer the questions.

a) How did Jacob find these restaurants?

b) Why doesn't Lucy want to go to The Mad Chicken?

c) Why does Lucy think Carlito's is a good choice, and why does Jacob think it isn't?

d) Why is Jacob curious about the Nepalese restaurant?

e) What type of waiters does 'Dinner in the Dark' employ, and why?

f) What are the two reasons Jacob doesn't want to wear his grey suit?

[1] https://quick-and-easy-english.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Restaurants-1.mp3

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Qualifiers: How much?

Qualifiers are words that tell us how strong the adjective following them is.

For example, *"The food is quite spicy."* The word 'quite' is a qualifier, and tells us it is spicy, but not very spicy.

"The food is extremely spicy" means the food is very, very spicy. 'Extremely' is the qualifier.

'Slightly' means 'a little', for example *"The restaurant is slightly expensive, but the food was good."* 'Slightly' is usually used with negative adjectives such as 'cold' or 'tired'.

'Pretty' and 'quite' mean more than a little, but not a lot. For example, *"The restaurant is quite expensive"* means more than 'slightly' but less than just 'expensive.'

'Really' and 'very' mean a lot. For example, *"The restaurant is very good"* is stronger than *"The restaurant is good."*

'Far too' and 'much too' mean something is much more than it should be. For example, "*This food is far too salty"* means the food is much saltier than it should be.

5. Read the reviews and find 3 places in each review to add one of the qualifiers above (there are more than 3 places in each review).

Bella Italia

I visited Bella Italia last Friday and had a really good experience. The restaurant is small, but the atmosphere is friendly. My pasta was salty, but it was still tasty. The portions were large, so I couldn't finish everything. The service was good, although the food was hot when it arrived, I burned my mouth! Overall, I would definitely come back.

The Green Garden

The Green Garden is a nice restaurant with a beautiful outdoor area. The food was fresh and the vegetables were crunchy, which I liked. The restaurant was busy, but the staff were friendly. However, my soup was salty, and the dessert was sweet for me. On top of that, the prices were also high. Still, I had a good evening.

Tony's Burger House

I went to Tony's Burger House with two friends, and we had a fun evening. The burgers were tasty and the fries were good. The restaurant was noisy, but the atmosphere was friendly. My burger was dry, and the fries were salty. The portions were big for one person. The service was fast, so we didn't have to wait long. I'd probably visit again.

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6. Think about a restaurant you know and write a review of it. Try to use the qualifiers from the page above and discuss service, food, price, atmosphere, and anything else.

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7. You are going to listen to a discussion after the meal at 'Dinner in the Dark' which contains the vocabulary in the box. Use the vocabulary to complete the sentences below.

raspberry jam	decent	dumb	rude
atmosphere	glad	portions	unique

a) It was ..... of him to leave without saying goodbye.

b) I'm ..... you decided to come to the party.

c) The restaurant was cheap, and the food was quite ....., but not amazing.

d) I had ..... on my toast for breakfast.

e) The restaurant has a relaxed and friendly .....

f) The ..... at American restaurants are huge.

g) The chef created a ..... dessert using chocolate, cheese, and fresh herbs.

h) I made a ..... mistake and accidentally ordered two desserts.

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8. Jacob and Lucy have finished their meal at 'Dinner in the Dark.' Listen to the conversation[2] and answer the questions.

a) What are the two ways Jacob hurts himself in the restaurant?

b) What was Lucy's complaint with the food?

c) What did Jacob order, and why was he surprised he liked it?

d) What does Jacob think about the service in the restaurant?

e) Why doesn't Jacob like the atmosphere in the restaurant?

f) Why aren't they going to tip? Would you tip in this situation?

9. Optional task/Homework:

Google 'The Infatuation' or go to www.theinfatuation.com and choose a city that you are interested in. Find a review for a restaurant and read it. Come back and tell the class about the restaurant. Write some notes below.

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[2] https://quick-and-easy-english.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Restaurant-2.mp3

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