

# 9.4 Speaking and writing

GOALS ■ Ask about and recommend a place to eat ■ Order food in a restaurant

## Reading & Writing asking about and recommending a place to eat

- 1 Work with a partner. Answer questions 1-3.
  - 1 When did you last eat out?
  - 2 Where did you go and who did you go with?
  - 3 Was it good? Why/Why not?
- 2a Read the email from Stefano to his friend Vera. Why is he writing to her?

Sent: THURSDAY 14.19

Hi Vera,

How are you? Everything's good with me. I'm going to Edinburgh this weekend with Molly for her 25th birthday. I know you finished university there last year and I hope you can help me with something. We're looking for a restaurant to have dinner on Saturday night. What's your favourite restaurant? Do you know anywhere that's quite cheap and has good food? Also, where's a good place to sit outside and eat? And with a nice view of the castle? Are the restaurants in Edinburgh busy on Saturdays? Do I need to book a table?

Thanks for your help!

Stefano

- 3 Work with a partner. Read Vera's reply and underline her answers to Stefano's questions. Does she tell him to go to her favourite restaurant?

Sent: THURSDAY 19.30

Hi Stefano,

Great to hear from you and I'm glad you're well. My favourite place is the Castle Terrace because the food is amazing, but it's quite expensive. There's also a place called Kayla's Kitchen with good, cheap food. You can't eat outside there – it's not often very warm in Scotland – but it has wonderful views of the city from the rooftop restaurant. The waiters are really friendly too, so I think you should go there.

OK, have a brilliant time and let me know how your trip goes!

Vera

P.S. You should book a table on the Saturday night because it's very popular.

- b Work with a partner. Tick (✓) the things that Stefano wants to know about a place to eat in Edinburgh.
 

1 directions to get there?	6 possible to sit outside?
2 Vera's favourite place?	7 the waiters?
3 the prices?	8 the view?
4 nice food?	9 busy or not?
5 opening times?	10 need to book?

- 4a Work with a partner. Put the words in the right order to make questions and answers about a place to eat.
  - 1 restaurant / We're / a / for / looking / Thai .
  - 2 the roof / outside / on / can / sit / You .
  - 3 lunch / favourite / your / What's / café / for ?
  - 4 to / need / Do / online / I / book ?
  - 5 a / place / Where's / have / cake / to / good / some ?
  - 6 a / menu / It / wonderful / has .
  - 7 and book / call them / You / need to / don't .
  - 8 know / you / a garden / has / Do / anywhere that ?
  - 9 with a / called the Riverside / There's / place / nice view / a .
  - 10 French food / is / place / Café Blanc / My favourite / it sells / because .

- b 9.16 ))) Listen and check your answers.



**5a** Write an email to another student in the class. Choose a situation 1–3 and ask them to recommend a restaurant. Use the Language for writing box to help you.

- 1 You and your friends/family are tourists and want to have lunch in a restaurant with a view.
- 2 You're a group of students and want to have lunch in a cheap restaurant.
- 3 You're with some colleagues and want to have dinner in a smart restaurant.

**LANGUAGE FOR WRITING**  
asking about and recommending a place to eat

**Asking about a place to eat:**

*I'm/We're looking for ...  
What's your favourite ...?  
Do you know anywhere that ...?  
Where's a good place to ...?  
Do I/we need to ...?*

**Recommending a place to eat:**

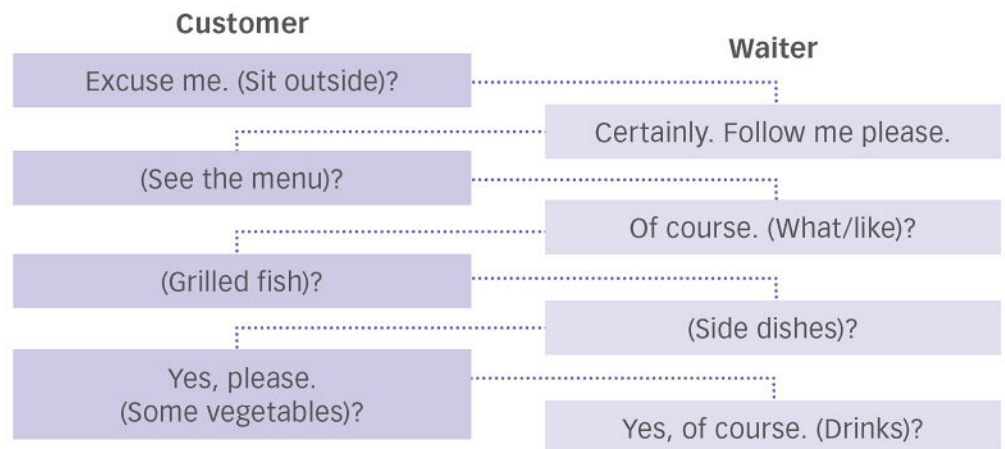
*My favourite place is ... because ...  
There's a place called ... with ...  
You can/can't sit outside.  
It has wonderful ...  
You should/don't have to ...  
I think you should go there.  
It's very popular.*

- b** Work with a partner. Read your partner's email and write a reply.
- c** Read the reply from your partner. Would you like to eat in this restaurant?

**Speaking & Listening** in a restaurant

- 6** **9.17** ))) Stefano and Molly are at Kayla's Kitchen in Edinburgh. Listen to their conversation with the waiter. What do they order? Tell your partner.
- 7a** Work with a partner. Complete the questions from the listening in exercise 6 with *Can/Could I/we* or *Would you like*.
  - 1 Would you like to order?
  - 2 \_\_\_\_\_ have the grilled chicken, please?
  - 3 \_\_\_\_\_ any side dishes with that?
  - 4 \_\_\_\_\_ have some roast potatoes?
  - 5 \_\_\_\_\_ something to drink?
  - 6 \_\_\_\_\_ pay by credit card?
- b** **9.18** ))) Listen, check and repeat.
- 8a** Work with a partner. Complete six more restaurant questions with *Can/Could I/we* or *Would you like*.
 

1 _____ see the menu, please?	4 _____ order, please?
2 _____ have some bread, please?	5 _____ some dessert?
3 _____ another cup of coffee?	6 _____ a starter?
- b** Which questions from exercises 7a and 8a does the waiter (W) ask? Which does the customer (C) ask? Compare your answers with a partner. *Would you like to order?* **W**
- 9** **TASK** Work with a partner. Take turns to be the waiter and the customer. Use the prompts and the Language for speaking box to help you.



**LANGUAGE FOR SPEAKING** in a restaurant

**Waiter**

*Would you like ... a starter/some dessert/more drinks?  
any side dishes with that?  
something to drink?  
to order now?*

**Customer**

*Can/Could I/we ... see the menu/order?  
have the grilled chicken/some more bread?  
pay now/by credit card, please?  
sit outside/by the window?*

- 10** Work with a partner. Take turns to order from a menu. Turn to page 130.

