
9 At Lunch

Although the correct name for the midday meal is lunch, many English families call it 'dinner'. English people do not wish each other 'Good Appetite'.

- | (i) | (ii) | (iii) | (iv) |
|--|--|---|---|
| A You 'must have some more chicken. | Wouldn't you like to finish up the omelette? | Another piece of meat pie? | 'Do have the rest of the mashed potato. |
| B No, thanks. I'm supposed to be slimming. | No, 'really, thank you. I just couldn't eat any more. | No, thanks, really. I'm on a diet. | No, thank you. I've had too much already. |
| A Can't I tempt you? | Come on now. Surely you can manage it. | Please do. You've hardly eaten anything. | Just take it to please me. |
| B Well, maybe I 'could manage a very small piece. | No, thank you, really. I must have put on pounds as it is. | It's delicious, but I don't think I ought to. | OK, but only a small piece or I shan't have room for any pudding. |



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Example

It's very tasty but I honestly couldn't manage another piece.

- 1) ... delicious
- 2) really
- 3) any more.
- 4) ... very nice
- 5) just

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Example

STUDENT A Surely you can eat **another piece of cake**.

STUDENT B Well, maybe I 'could manage just a **very small piece**.

- 1 A the rest of the lamb.
B a little.
- 2 A some more potatoes.
B one or two.
- 3 A another slice of toast.
B one more.
- 4 A some more trifle.¹
B a little more.
- 5 A that last fish finger.²
B half of it.

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Answer A's questions using 'too much' or 'too many'.

Example

STUDENT A You 'must have some more **rice**.

STUDENT B No, thanks, really. I've had 'far **too much** already.

- 1 A potatoes.
B

- 2 A wine.
B
- 3 A carrots.
B
- 4 A meat.
B
- 5 A ice-cream.
B

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Example

STUDENT A Wouldn't you like some more **trifle**?

STUDENT B Yes, I'd love some. It's a **delicious trifle**.

- 1 A pudding?
B lovely
- 2 A pie?
B gorgeous
- 3 A salad?
B delicious
- 4 A stew?
B very nice
- 5 A wine?
B excellent

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Example

STUDENT A Did he **say** much?

STUDENT B No, he hardly **said** anything.

- 1 A they want?
B
- 2 A he drink?
B
- 3 A she eat?
B
- 4 A it cost?
B
- 5 A I get?
B

¹ trifle: a pudding made with cake, fruit, cream and sherry

² fish fingers: frozen pieces of fish sold in packets.

10 *Tea-time*

Tea is the number one drink in Britain and the average person has about four cups of tea a day. In times of disaster or tragedy 'a nice cup of tea' is offered as a kind of universal cure.

- | | (i) | (ii) | (iii) | (iv) |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| A | Would you care for a cup of tea? | I expect you could do with a cup of tea, couldn't you? | How about a nice cup of tea before you go? | Would you like a cup of tea? |
| B | Only if 'you're having one. | I'd rather have a cup of coffee, if you don't mind. | Yes, I'd love one. | Only if it's not too much trouble. |
| A | Do you take milk and sugar? | Milk and sugar? | How do you like it? | Do you like it with milk and sugar? |
| B | A dash of milk ¹ and two lumps, ² please. | A milky one without sugar, please. | A strong one with three spoons for me, please. | Not too much milk and just half a spoonful, please. |

¹ a dash of milk: a very little milk
² two lumps: two sugar cubes



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Example

Plenty of milk and three spoons for me, please.

- 1) lumps
- 2) A dash of.....
- 3) no sugar
- 4) A little.....
- 5) lots of sugar

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Example

STUDENT A Would you care for a **cup of tea**?

STUDENT B I'd rather have a **cup of coffee**, if you don't mind.

- 1 A a chocolate biscuit?
B a cream cake
- 2 A a glass of milk?
B a drink of orange
- 3 A a cucumber sandwich?
B a muffin¹
- 4 A a slice of cake?
B a doughnut²
- 5 A another piece of toast?
B a sausage roll

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Reply to A's questions using the second alternative.

Example

STUDENT A Do you like **tea** or would you prefer **coffee**?

STUDENT B **Coffee** for me, please.

- 1 A jam fishpaste?
B

- 2 A cake biscuits?
B
- 3 A toast bread?
B
- 4 A milk lemon?
B
- 5 A white bread brown?
B

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Reply to A's questions using 'one', 'some', 'it', 'them', or 'to'.

Example

STUDENT A Would you like a **cup of tea**?

STUDENT B I'd love **one**.

- 1 A this sandwich?
B
- 2 A some coffee?
B
- 3 A these biscuits?
B
- 4 A to come again?
B
- 5 A another bun?³
B

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An informal way of saying 'I need a cup of tea' is to say 'I could do with a cup of tea.' Make A's statements more informal.

Example

STUDENT A I need a **new set of tyres**.

STUDENT B I could do with a **new set of tyres**.

- 1 A I need a cup of tea.
B
- 2 A Patrick needs a haircut.
B
- 3 A They need a few days off.
B
- 4 A Your front door needs a coat of paint.
B
- 5 A Mother needs a holiday.
B

¹ a muffin: a toasted cake eaten with butter

² a doughnut: a cake made of dough, sweetened and fried

³ a bun: a cake made with yeast

II *With a Friend in a Coffee Bar*

Many cafes in the U.K. are self-service, but sometimes you will be served at the table by a waiter or waitress.

(i)

A What would you like to drink?

B A black coffee for me, please.

A How about something to eat?

B Yes, I'd love a portion of that strawberry tart.

A Right. I'll see if I can catch the waitress's eye.

(ii)

What can I get you to drink?

An iced Coke¹ would go down well.

Wouldn't you like some cake, too?

Yes, I think I'll have a slice of chocolate sponge.

Right. Sit down there and I'll bring it over.

(iii)

What are you going to have to drink?

I'd like something cool.

Would you care for some cake?

Yes, I'll try a piece of cheese cake.

It certainly looks tempting. I wouldn't mind some myself.¹

(iv)

What do you want to drink?

I feel like a cup of tea.

Do you fancy something to eat?

Yes, I'd rather like some of that fruit cake.

That's a good idea. I think I'll join you.



¹ Coke: Coca Cola

¹ I wouldn't mind: I'd rather like

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Example

Would you care for a round of ham sandwiches and a cup of tea?

- 1) a milk shake?
- 2) Wouldn't you like
- 3) a piece of cheese cake
- 4) fruit
- 5) Do you fancy

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Example

STUDENT A I think I'll have a **coffee**.

STUDENT B That's a good idea. **Coffee** for me, too, please.

- 1 A a Coke.
B
- 2 A a tea.
B
- 3 A a chocolate.
B
- 4 A a Horlicks.¹
B
- 5 A a milk.
B

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Example

STUDENT A This **jam sponge** is absolutely delicious.

STUDENT B Yes, it looks it. I wouldn't mind a **slice** myself.

- 1 A raspberry milk shake
- B a glass

- 2 A toasted sandwiches
- B a round
- 3 A chocolate cakes
- B a couple
- 4 A coffee ice-cream
- B one
- 5 A hot chocolate
- B a cup

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Example

STUDENT A Would you care for a **piece of cake**?

STUDENT B Yes, please. The **chocolate sponge** looks rather tempting.

- 1 A something to drink?
B iced Coke
- 2 A a toasted sandwich?
B cheese and tomato
- 3 A something to eat?
B strawberry tarts
- 4 A an ice-cream?
B chocolate
- 5 A a cake?
B cream doughnuts

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The word 'glass', 'cup' etc is often omitted when you are ordering drinks.

Example

STUDENT A Tell the waitress we want **two cups of tea and a glass of lemonade**.

STUDENT B **Two teas, and a lemonade** please.

- 1 A two cups of tea and a cup of coffee.
B
- 2 A a glass of Coca Cola and four cups of tea.
B
- 3 A three cups of chocolate and two glasses of orange juice.
B
- 4 A a glass of orange juice and two glasses of milk.
B
- 5 A three cups of black coffee.
B

¹ Horlicks: a malted milk drink

12 In a Restaurant

There is a wide variety of international restaurants in the U.K.: Indian, Chinese and Italian restaurants are especially popular, but there are also many others. Apart from restaurants, there are also many take-aways, where you can buy cooked meals to take home.

(i)

A Can I take your order, sir?

B Yes. I'd like to try the steak, please.

A And to follow?

B Ice-cream, please.

(ii)

Have you decided on something, sir?

Yes. Haddock¹ and chips for me, please.

How about the sweet?

No sweet thanks. Just coffee.

(iii)

Have you chosen something, sir?

Yes, I think I'll have the curry, please.

What would you like afterwards?

I'd like some fruit if you have any.

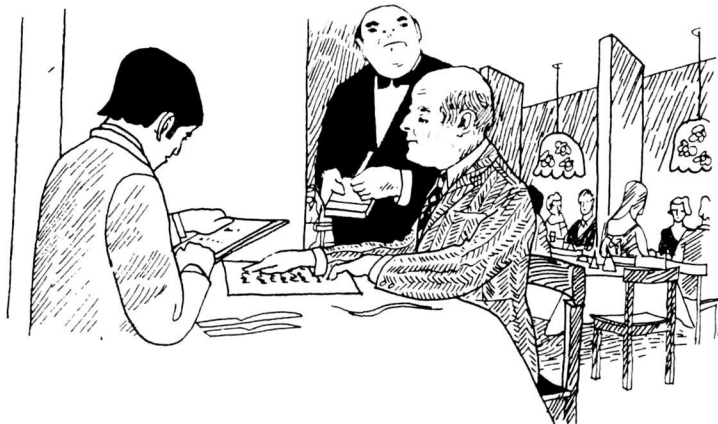
(iv)

May I take your order, sir?

I'll just take a small salad, please.

Do you want any sweet?

Apple pie and custard would be nice.



¹ haddock: a kind of fish

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Example

I'll have grapefruit juice to begin with, and beefburger and chips to follow.

- 1) egg-mayonnaise a mushroom omelette
- 2) prawn cocktail grilled lamb chops
- 3) tomato juice a chicken salad
- 4) onion soup beef curry
- 5) melon Irish stew

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Example

STUDENT A And what will you have to follow the **soup**?

STUDENT B I think I'll try the **curry**, please.

- 1 A fruit juice?
B fish
- 2 A crab?
B chicken
- 3 A prawn cocktail?
B steak
- 4 A melon?
B beef
- 5 A scampi?
B lamb

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Example

STUDENT A Has **he** decided on something yet?

STUDENT B No, **he** can't make up **his** mind.

- 1 A they?
B
- 2 A Margaret?
B
- 3 A Brian?
B
- 4 A you?
B
- 5 A the children?
B

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Reply to A's questions using the present perfect tense.

Example

STUDENT A Would you like to **order your meal**, sir?

STUDENT B I've already **ordered** it, thank you very much.

- 1 A have your soup?
B
- 2 A see the menu?
B
- 3 A book your table?
B
- 4 A taste the wine?
B
- 5 A choose your sweet?
B

13 *In a Pub*

The hours during which English pubs are allowed to open are strictly controlled by the law. Times vary in different parts of the country, but are approximately from 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 10.30 or 11 p.m. on weekdays, and from 12 noon to 2 p.m. and from 7.00 to 10.30 p.m. on Sundays. It is normal to buy one's own drinks at the bar, and the barman is not tipped unless he brings drinks to the table. Each order is paid for separately, and not at the end of the evening.

(i)
A What are you going to have?

B A half of bitter,¹ please.

A Are you sure you won't have a scotch?

B Thanks very much, but I'm driving.

(ii)
What's it to be?

The same again, please.

Won't you make it a pint this time?

I'd better not, thank you all the same.

(iii)
What would you like to drink?

Just a light ale for me, please.

Won't you have a gin and tonic with me?

That's very kind of you, but I don't think I will.

(iv)
What can I get you?

I'd like a lager, please.

Wouldn't you care for something a little stronger?

No, I think I'd better stick to halves,¹ thanks.



¹ a bitter: a light draught beer

¹ stick to halves: continue to drink half pints of beer