

Ordering Food at a Restaurant – A1



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Beginner

In this post, you'll learn how to order food at a restaurant in Spanish. We'll cover essential vocabulary, polite phrases, and a short conversation you might hear when dining out.

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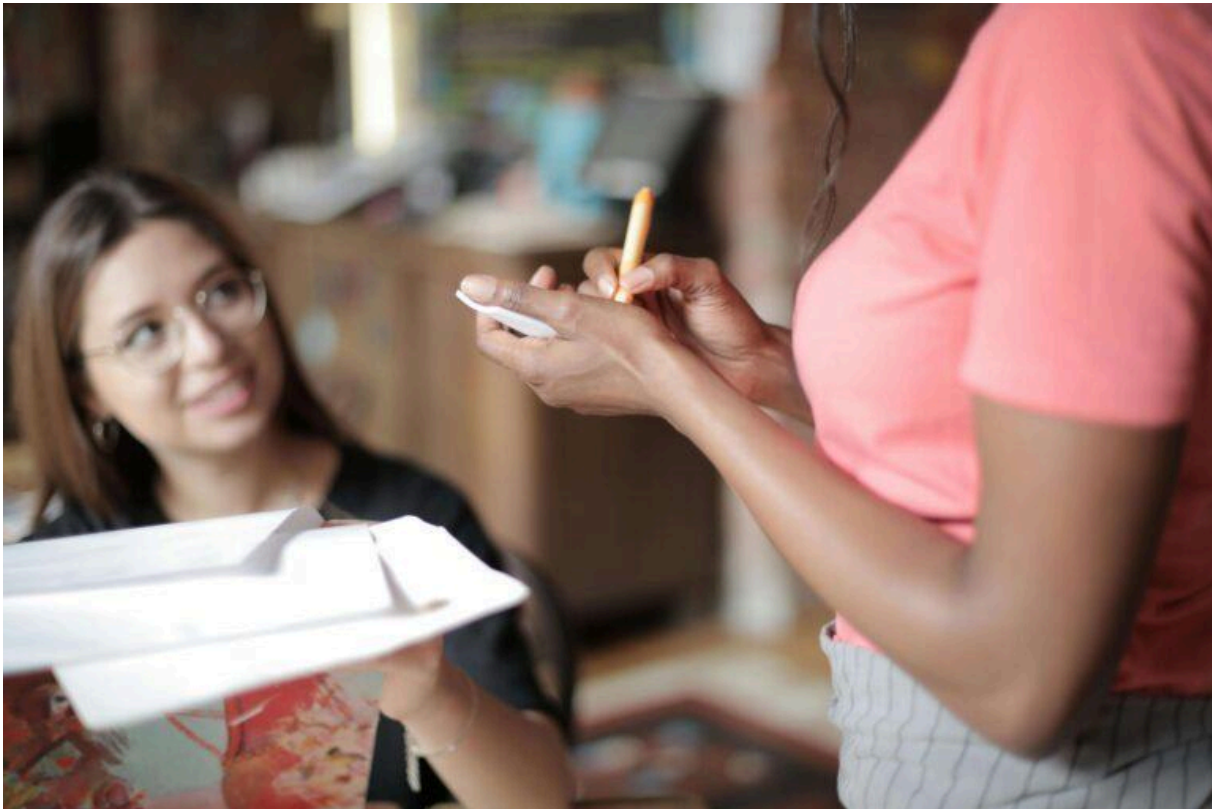
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Introducción

Ir a un restaurante en un país hispanohablante puede ser una experiencia divertida y deliciosa. Es importante saber algunas frases clave para pedir comida de forma educada.

Introduction

Going to a restaurant in a Spanish-speaking country can be a fun and delicious experience. It's important to know a few key phrases to order food politely.





 **Frases Útiles**

Una frase muy útil es: "Quisiera..." que significa "I would like...". Por ejemplo: "Quisiera una paella, por favor." Es una forma educada de pedir algo.

 **Useful Phrases**

A very useful phrase is: "Quisiera..." which means "I would like...". For example: "Quisiera una paella, por favor." It's a polite way to ask for something.





Preguntas Comunes

También es común preguntar: "¿Qué me recomienda?" o "¿Cuál es la especialidad de la casa?". Estas frases muestran interés y respeto por la cocina local.

Common Questions

It's also common to ask: "What do you recommend?" or "What is the house specialty?" These phrases show interest and respect for local cuisine.





 **La Cortesía**

No olvides decir “gracias” y “muy amable” para ser cortés. La cortesía es muy valorada en los restaurantes de habla hispana.

 **Courtesy**

Don't forget to say “thank you” and “very kind” to be polite. Courtesy is highly valued in Spanish-speaking restaurants.





 **Resumen**

Con estas frases básicas, puedes disfrutar de una comida sin estrés en un restaurante hispanohablante. ¡Buen provecho!

 **Summary**

With these basic phrases, you can enjoy a stress-free meal in a Spanish-speaking restaurant. Bon appétit!



Learning Activities

Learning Activity 1 – What Would You Order?

Writing

Write a short dialogue in Spanish between a waiter and a customer. Use “Quisiera” and at least one other phrase from this post.

Learning Activity 2 – Translate the Order

Translation

Translate the following into Spanish: “I would like a glass of water and the house special, please.”

Learning Activity 3 – Match the Phrase

Translation

Match these Spanish phrases to their English meanings:

1. “¿Qué me recomienda?”
 2. “Quisiera una cerveza, por favor.”
 3. “La cuenta, por favor.”
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- A. “The bill, please.”
 - B. “What do you recommend?”
 - C. “I’d like a beer, please.”