

EOI Topic Area: Food and Diet

Writing

1. You are in a restaurant with a friend. Read the menu and then write a dialogue following the guide provided (100-150 words approx.).

Advice

- Look carefully at how the dialogue continues and ends before starting.
- Use polite language (we usually use 'please' and 'thank you' in this kind of situation).
- In a restaurant the waiter is quite formal, but the customers less formal.

Set Menu

Starters

Mixed Salad
Prawn cocktail
Orange Juice

Main Courses

Chicken breast with vegetables
Steak and chips
Paella

Desserts

Ice cream
Yoghurt
Chocolate cake

Coffee/Tea

Wine and bread included

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Structure:

Waiter

You

Your friend

Greet the customers

Ask if they are going to have the set menu

Agree to have the set menu

Tell them there's no chicken

Show disappointment

Later

Ask if they're ready to order

Order starter and main course

Order starter and main course

Ask what they would like to drink

Order drinks

Later

Call the waiter and complain about something

Apologize and promise to change the dish

Comment that your meal is delicious

Later

Ask about desserts

Choose a dessert: give a reason

Have the same and order a coffee

Say you don't want coffee; give a reason.

2. Write an essay (160-200 words approx) on the following topic: "What we eat is what we are: our diet is much more important for our health than exercise. Discuss".

Advice

- Plan your essay. Make notes of the main ideas before writing.
- Think of your opinions and divide them into two groups: 'for' and 'against'.
- Use paragraphs to structure your essay:

Paragraph 1: introduction

Paragraph 2: ideas 'for'

Paragraph 3: points 'against'

Paragraph 4: conclusion giving your overall opinion

Grammar

* Find more grammar exercises like this in *Oxford Practice Grammar Intermediate*.

Containers; Countable and uncountable nouns

Milk, soup, etc. are uncountable nouns. We cannot use **a** or a number in front of them. We do not usually say **a milk** or **two soups**. But we can say **a carton of milk** or **two tins of soup**.

Here are some more examples:

Carton, tin etc.	Measurements	Piece, slice etc.
a carton of orange juice	a kilo of cheese	a piece of wood
a tin of paint	five metres of cable	a piece / slice of bread
a bottle of water	twenty litres of petrol	a piece / sheet of paper
a box / packet of cereal	half a pound of butter	a bar of chocolate
a jar of jam		a loaf of bread
a tube of toothpaste		
a glass of water		
a cup of coffee		

1. What did Tom buy at the supermarket? Use of.

Milk 0.35	>	<i>two cartons of milk</i>
Milk 0.35	1	<i>a kilo of flour</i>
1 kilo flour 0.85	2
Jam 0.95	3
Matches 0.39	4
Bread 0.65	5
Bread 0.65	6
Chocolate 0.95	7
5 kilos potatoes 1.59	8
Breakfast cereal 1.38		
Mineral water 0.74		
Mineral water 0.74		
Toothpaste 1.89		
Total £11.48		

2. Countable and uncountable nouns (1)

Complete the sentences. Put in *a/an* or *some*.

- I really ought to do^{some}.....housework.
- 1 The people who camped in the field have left..... rubbish.
 - 2 I've been working on the business plan. I've made.....progress.
 - 3 The visitors are here for two nights. They're looking foraccommodation.
 - 4 That shop has nice sofa.
 - 5 You'll have to pay extra for the taxi because you've gotluggage.
 - 6 The flat is quite empty. I need.....furniture.
 - 7 I can't possibly fit this guitar into suitcase.
 - 8 You need luck to win at this game.

3. Countable and uncountable nouns (2)

You are talking about the holiday you had with a friend. Use these words:

accommodation, awful journey, beautiful scenery, chair, fun, good weather, meal.

You have to decide whether you need to put *a/an* or *not*.

- 0 (It was quite easy to book a place to stay.)
Booking was quite easy.
- 0 (There was nothing to sit on in your room.)
But my room wasn't very nice. It didn't even have in it.
- 1 (You were in a beautiful part of the country.)
It was a lovely place, though. There was all around us.
- 2 (The weather was good.)
And we had while we were there.
- 3 (One evening you went to a restaurant with some other people.)
One evening we had with some people we met.
- 4 (You enjoyed yourselves at the disco.)
We went to a disco. We had there.
- 5 (Travelling home was awful.)
We had home last Saturday.

ANSWER KEY

Writing

1.

Model answer

Waiter Good morning. Would you like a table for lunch?
Me Yes there are just two of us
Waiter Are you going to have the set menu?
Me Yes we'd like the set meal please
Waiter Here's the menu. I'm afraid there's no Chicken. We've run out.
My friend What a shame. I was going to order chicken!

Later

Waiter Are you ready to order?
Me Yes. I'll have the salad please, and then a steak
My friend Prawn cocktail for me, and I'll have a steak as well
Waiter Certainly. And to drink
Me Just water thanks. We have to work in the afternoon!
My friend Yes, water for me too

Later

Me Waiter, I'm afraid this steak is not cooked enough. Could you ask them to do it a bit more?
Waiter Oh dear I'm terribly sorry I should have asked how you wanted it done
Me Yes I like my steak really well done, sorry
Waiter I'll get it changed immediately (to friend) And is everything all right with your steak?
My friend Yes it's delicious, thanks.

Later

Waiter What would you like for dessert?
Me I'll have yoghurt please. I'd like chocolate cake but I'm on a diet!
My friend I'm not on a diet, but I'll have the yoghurt too - I'm full after the steak! Could I have a black coffee too please?
Waiter Of course madam
Me No coffee for me thanks - I won't sleep tonight if I have a coffee at this time of day...

2.

Student's own answers

Grammar

1.

- 1 a jar of jam
- 2 a box of matches
- 3 two loaves of bread
- 4 a bar of chocolate
- 5 five kilos of potatoes
- 6 a box/packet of breakfast cereal
- 7 two bottles of mineral water
- 8 a tube of toothpaste

2.

- 1 some
- 2 some
- 3 some
- 4 a
- 5 some
- 6 some
- 7 a
- 8 some

3.

- 1 beautiful scenery
- 2 good weather
- 3 a meal
- 4 fun
- 5 an awful journey