



Unit 9 What would you like?

Before you read

Think about this question. Do you know any jokes about restaurants?

Read the jokes

The Sandwich Shop

A man went into a sandwich shop and sat down. "I'd like a turkey sandwich," he said to the waiter.

"I'm sorry," the waiter replied, "we don't have turkey sandwich on the menu. Would you like to try our Club Sandwich Special instead?"

"What's a Club Sandwich Special?" asked the man.

"It's a sandwich with turkey, bacon, tomato, lettuce, and mayonnaise on toasted bread."

"I'd prefer a plain turkey sandwich," said the man. "Could you just put a piece of turkey between two slices of bread?"

"Well, of course!" said the waiter. Then he turned and yelled to the cook: "One Club Sandwich Special. But no bacon, no tomato, no lettuce, no mayonnaise. And don't toast the bread!"

The Bigger Fish

Two friends, Bill and Tom, went out to dinner together. They both ordered fish. The waiter brought a dish with the two fish, but one fish was bigger than the other.

Bill said to Tom, "Please, help yourself."

Tom said, "Thanks." He put the bigger fish on his plate and started to eat.

Bill was surprised and said, "Why did you take the bigger fish? That's not very polite."

Tom said, "If I asked you to choose first, which fish would you have taken?"

"I'd have taken the smaller fish, of course," Bill said.

"Well, then, what are you complaining about?" said Tom. "You got the fish you wanted, didn't you?"

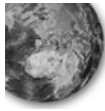
The Difficult Customer

A customer was being very difficult. He kept bothering one of the waiters in a restaurant. First, he said he was hot, and asked the waiter to turn up the air-conditioning. A few minutes later, he said he was cold, and asked the waiter to turn the air-conditioning down. And so it continued throughout the man's lunch.

The waiter was very patient with the customer. He said, "Yes, sir. Of course, sir," and never once got angry. Finally, the man paid his bill and left.

Another customer had been watching. When the man left, she said to the waiter, "Why didn't you get angry at him? He was really difficult!"

"Oh, I don't care," the waiter said with a smile, "We don't even have an air-conditioner."



Check your comprehension

Circle *T* (true) or *F* (false).

The Sandwich Shop

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| 1. The customer wants a Turkey Club Special sandwich. | T | <input checked="" type="radio"/> F |
| 2. The restaurant doesn't have any turkey. | T | F |
| 3. In the end, the waiter ordered the sandwich the customer wanted. | T | F |

The Bigger Fish

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| 4. Bill and Tom had lunch together. | T | F |
| 5. Bill asked Tom to choose the bigger fish. | T | F |
| 6. In the end, Bill was happy and Tom was unhappy. | T | F |

The Difficult Customer

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| 7. The customer complained about the food. | T | F |
| 8. The waiter got angry at the customer. | T | F |
| 9. The restaurant didn't have an air-conditioner. | T | F |

Build your reading skills: Drawing conclusions

Read the jokes again. Which ending best completes each sentence? Circle *a* or *b*.

- The joke "The Sandwich Shop" is funny because the waiter _____.
 - insisted on calling the customer's order the Club Sandwich Special
 - didn't understand the customer's order
- The joke "The Bigger Fish" is funny because _____.
 - Bill gave Tom the bigger fish
 - Tom thought Bill wanted the smaller fish
- The joke "The Difficult Customer" is funny because the waiter didn't tell the customer that _____.
 - the air-conditioner was broken
 - the restaurant didn't have an air-conditioner