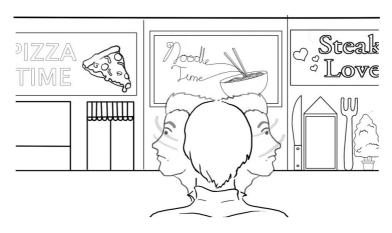# Choosing a Restaurant

Section 1: Dialogue

Please read the following dialogue between a hotel guest and an information receptionist's at a hotel.

Guest: Hi, may I ask you if there are any good restaurants near here?

Information Officer: Good day! I would be happy to answer any questions you might have concerning restaurants and diners. Can you tell me if you have a specific restaurant, or type of menu in mind?

Guest: Well I am curious to know what area in the city is best known for a wide selection of restaurants? We want try the street foods, and also taste the local cuisine, but I have not the slightest clue where to begin. Could you please help me?

Information Officer: First, I would suggest trying the food carts and eating places found in and around central downtown. Its only a few blocks away from here. The central town includes the famous Sunset strip area that is well known for its late night food, as it is the biggest night life district.

Guest: Okay, we will go to the Sunset strip after this. Can you please recommend to us some restaurants that aren't too crowded and have a romantic ambiance? We're looking for a cozy restaurant indoors, that serves fresh seafood, or authentic mediteranean food?

Information Officer: Yes, If you're looking for a more discrete place, instead of the main strip, i'd suggest going to the boardwalk. The Fisherman's Wharf serves fresh seafood. It's located near the end of the boardwalk across Vermont Park.

Guest: The boardwalk sounds great! I just have one last question. My wife and I are planning to celebrate are 10th anniversary. Would you kindly suggest a restaurant with an outdoor patio and a view of the city skyline?

Information Officer: If youre looking for a spectacular view of the city, you could make a reservation at the <u>revolving</u> restaurant located at the top most floor of A&M Building in Central town. And another place of interest is at Pleasant Hills. High up on the mountain side, youll have the best view of the city skyline. The area is a two-block section that is also a well known food zone,with dimly lit restaurants, and live music.

Guest: Wow! Thank you, those are really good suggestions. We greatly appreciate all of your help!

Information Officer: You're welcome! If you have any more <u>inquiries</u>, please take with you this city guide, with a map of all the areas and food zones.

Guest: All right! Thank you again!

Section 2: Useful Expression

Please take note of the following useful expressions.

1. May I see the wine menu?
2. Would you rather have Italian or Chinese food?
3. Do I need to make a table reservation?
4. What main course meals may i choose from?
5. Do you have a vegetarian option?
6. Do you have a set meal?
7. What is today's special?
8. May I see the menu?
9. What kind of food do you feel like eating?
10. Do you have a table for three free?

Section 3: Vocabulary Words and Expressions

Please read the vocabulary word/ expression with its definition and sample sentence.

Vocabulary Word	Definition	Sample Sentence
cuisine *[kwiˈzēn]* noun	a style or method of cooking, especially as characteristic of a particular country, region, or establishment.	Much Italian cuisine is based on pasta.
ambiance *[ambēəns]* noun	the character and atmosphere of a place.	The relaxed ambience of the cocktail lounge is popular with guests.
cozy *[kōzē]* adjective	giving a feeling of comfort, warmth, and relaxation.	We stayed in a cozy cabin tucked away in the forest.
authentic *[ôˈTHentik]* adjective	of undisputed origin; genuine.	the Jordan shoes are authentic.
discrete *[disˈkrēt]* adjective	individually separate and distinct.	Whale communities were sometimes thought of as discrete communities, seldom mixing.
revolve *[riˈvôlv/]* verb revolving = present participle	move in a circle on a central axis.	"overhead, the fan revolved slowly"

Section 4: Completing the Conversation Exercise

Please complete the dialogue by using the words from the box below.

Guest: Hi! I'm looking for a restaurant that serves Italian _____. Can you refer any restaurants with a romantic _____.

Information Officer: Hello! I can recommend an _____ Italian restaurant on Wilshire Blvd. It's a small and _____ "mom's and pops" diner. They have been in business for over 30 years in thr same area. The diner is situated in a _____ area, far from the main strip.

 Guest: Thank you!

 Information Officer: You're welcome! I'd also recommend eating at the_____ing restaurant located at the top floor of Silver Building. The view of the city is breath taking.

 Customer: All right! Thank you again!

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