

## ordering a meal

<p><b>Learn with television</b></p> <p><b>Talk French: Programme 5</b> Discover what people in Provence like for lunch and how to order a meal in a restaurant.</p> <p><b>French Experience I: Programme 11</b> Visit Paris restaurant and join a group of people to find out what they choose to eat.</p> <p>Talk French and French Experience are repeated regularly on BBC Learning Zone (BBC Two). Check out the details on <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone">www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone</a> and video the programmes to watch at your leisure.</p>	<p><b>Learn online</b> <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french">www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french</a></p> <p><b>French Steps: Stage 3: Ordering at a restaurant; Asking about the food</b> Watch Hakim M'Barek in Lyon as he samples the specialities of a traditional restaurant. Then do the activities and go to <i>Fact File</i> where you can find out about eating out in France and check out the links to sites of interest.</p> <p><b>Talk French: Enjoy your meal!</b> <b>French Experience: Bon appétit!</b> Focus on selected video clips from the TV programmes – the transcript is there to support you – then have a go at the activities.</p>
<p><b>Learning hint</b></p> <p>If you have a dictionary, find the French names of your favourite foods. Then practise asking – out loud – for them using <b>Vous avez?</b> and <b>Je voudrais</b>. Look up too the French for the things you don't like, can't eat or are allergic to, so that you can avoid them on menus.</p>	
<p><b>Key language</b></p> <p><b>Vous avez une table?</b> Do you have a table?  <b>Pour combien de personnes?</b> For how many?  <b>Vous avez choisi?</b> Are you ready to order?  <b>Tout va bien?</b> Is everything ok?  <b>C'est quoi?</b> What is it?  <b>C'est servi avec...</b> It's served with...  <b>Vous désirez quelle cuisson?</b> How would you like it cooked?  <b>Qu'est-ce que vous pouvez me/nous recommander?</b> What can you recommend to me/us?</p>	<p><b>une entrée</b> starter  <b>un plat principal</b> main dish  <b>un dessert</b> dessert  <b>le plat du jour</b> dish of the day  <b>une carafe d'eau</b> jug of water  <b>à point</b> medium rare  <b>bien cuit/cuite</b> well done (m/f)</p>
<p><b>Quiz</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To book a table for six, would you complete the sentence <b>Je voudrais _____ une table pour six</b> with <b>acheter</b>, <b>réserver</b> or <b>fumer</b>?</li> <li>Would you eat or drink <b>un pot-au-feu</b>?</li> <li>You see <b>le cervelas</b> on a menu and you don't know what it means. How do you ask? And what will you learn?</li> <li>You're eating on your own. How would you ask the waiter to advise you on what to eat?</li> <li>You've really enjoyed your meal. How would you tell your host or the chef that it's perfect?</li> <li>And how would you ask for the bill?</li> </ol> <p>Answers on <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/answers.shtml">www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/answers.shtml</a></p>	