**Ordering At A Restaurant**

**Tanya and John go to Carmen's Bistro for dinner. It's Saturday night and the place is packed! Finally, Kevin, their waiter, comes to take their order.**

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| Tanya | I hope the waiter comes soon. **I'm starving**! |
| John | Me too! |
| Tanya | Why don't we **flag him down**? |
| John | Waiter, waiter! |
| Kevin | I'll be right with you! … Sorry for the **hold up**. We're **packed to the rafters** tonight. |
| John | We noticed! |
| Kevin | I'm Kevin, and I'll be your server tonight. **Can I start you off with** some drinks? |
| John | I'd like the San Adams Summer Ale. |
| Tanya | **Make it two**. |
| Kevin | And did you **decide on** some appetizers? |
| John | We're going to **skip the appetizers** tonight. What do you recommend for a main course? |
| Kevin | We're **known for** our seafood. The salmon with black bean sauce is our most popular dish. |
| Tanya | Okay, I'll try that. |
| Kevin | Excellent choice. And for you, sir? |
| John | I'm having trouble deciding. I'm **in the mood for** steak, but I know you **pride yourselves on** your seafood. |
| Kevin | How about trying the **surf and turf**? That way, you get **the best of both worlds!** |
| John | Okay, let's go with that. |
| Kevin | I'll be right back with your drinks. They're **on the house** because you had to wait so long to order. |

**Idioms & Expressions**

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| **Best of the world** | The advantages of two things.  Waitressing in the evenings gives Sue the **best of the worlds**; she can attend classed during the day and still earn money. |
| **Can I start you off with?** | Would you like to start your meal with?  Welcome to Amici's. **Can I start you off with** some drinks? |
| **Decide on** | To choose.  "Did you **decide on** a main course yet?" asked the waiter. |
| **Flag down the waiter** | To get the attention of the waiter.  You want another glass of wine? Let's **flag down the waiter.** |
| **Hold up** | Delay; long wait.  We ordered 20 minutes ago. What's causing the **hold up**? |
| **I'll be right with you** | I'm coming in a minute.  "**I'll be right with you**" said the waitress when she saw the waving to her. |
| **I'm starving** | I'm very hungry.  When we asked Jim why he ordered two steaks, he asked, "**I'm starving**." |
| **In the mood for** | To want; to have an appetite for.  Let's go to a seafood restaurant, I'm **in the mood for** fish. |
| **Known for** | Famous for; having a reputation for.  Chicago is **known for** its delicious pizza. |
| **Let's go with** | I'll take; let's proceed with.  You recommend the Chardonnay? Okay, **let's go with** that. |
| **Make it two** | I'll have one too; I'll have the same thing (as the other person just ordered).  "I'll take a cappuccino." ــــــــ **'Make it two**." |
| **On the house** | Free; paid for by the restaurant.  The waitress offered us after-dinner drinks **on the house**. |
| **Packed to the rafters** | Really crowded.  Beth's Bistro is always **packed to the rafters** on Saturday nights. If we want to go there, we'd better make reservation. |
| **Pride yourself on** | To be known for; to be especially proud of something.  San Francisco **prides itself on** its fine restaurant. |
| **Skip the appetizers** | To not order appetizers.  We're not that hungry, so we're going to **skip the appetizers.** |
| **Surf and turf** | A meal containing both meat and seafood.  The waiter said, "Tonight, our special is the **surf and turf**. It comes with a lobster tail and a New York strip steak." |