



At the Restaurant

Title: في المطعم

Title (English): At the Restaurant

المحادثة

النادل: مرحباً، كم شخص؟

Waiter: Hello, how many people?

(Marhaban, kam shakhs

الزبون: مرحباً، نحن ثلاثة.

Customer: Hello, we are three.

(Marhaban, nahnu thalathah

النادل: تفضلوا، هذه طاولتكم. هنا قائمة الطعام.

Waiter: Please, this is your table. Here is the menu.

(Tafaddalu, hathihi tawilatukum. Huna qa'imat al-ta'am

الزبون: شكراً، هل لديكم طبق خاص اليوم؟

Customer: Thank you, do you have a special dish today?

(Shukran, hal ladaykum tabaq khass al-yawm

النادل: نعم، سمك مشوي لذيذ جداً.

Waiter: Yes, grilled fish that's very delicious.

(Na'am, samak mashwi latheez jiddan

الزبون: رائع، سأخذ السمك المشوي. وأنت يا عامر، ماذا تريد؟

Customer: Great, I'll take the grilled fish. And you, Amer, what would you like?

(Ra'i', sa'akhudh al-samak al-mashwi. Wa anta ya Amer, matha turid

الزبون الثاني: سأخذ الدجاج مع الأرز، من فضلك!

Second Customer: I'll have chicken with rice, please!

(Sa'akhudh al-dajaj ma'a al-ruz, min fadlik

الزبون الثالث: وأنا أريد سلطة فقط.

Third Customer: And I'll just have a salad.

(Wa ana urid salatah faqat

النادل: ممتاز، هل تريدون مشروبات أيضاً؟
Waiter: Excellent, would you like drinks as well?
 (Mumtaz, hal turidun mashrubat aydan?)
 الزبون: نعم، عصير البرتقال، من فضلك!
Customer: Yes, orange juice, please!
 (Na'am, 'asir al-burtuqal, min fadlik!)
 الزبون الثالث: وأنا مياه فقط.
Third Customer: And I'll just have water.
 (Wa ana mayah faqat.)
 النادل: حسناً، سأحضر طلباتكم قريباً.
Waiter: Okay, I'll bring your orders shortly.
 (Hasanan, sa'ahdur talabatukum qariban.)
 الزبون: شكراً.
Customer: Thank you.
 (Shukran.)
 النادل: أهلاً وسهلاً.
Waiter: You're welcome.
 (Ahlan wa sahlam.)

Key Vocabulary

1. كم شخص؟ - How many people?
 ((Kam shakhs))
2. ثلاثة - Three
 ((Thalathah))
3. طاولة - Table
 ((Tawilah))
4. قائمة الطعام - Menu
 ((Qa'imat al-ta'am))
5. طبق خاص - Special dish
 ((Tabaq khass))
6. سمك مشوي - Grilled fish
 ((Samak mashwi))
7. دجاج مع الأرز - Chicken with rice
 ((Dajaj ma'a al-ruz))
8. سلطة - Salad
 ((Salatah))
9. مشروبات - Drinks
 ((Mashrubat))
10. عصير البرتقال - Orange juice
 ((Asir al-burtuqal))

11. مياه - Water
((Mayah
12. طلبات - Orders
((Talabat

Cultural Tips

1. **Greet the Waiter:** Always start with a polite greeting like "مرحباً" (Hello) when interacting with restaurant staff.
 2. **Ask for Recommendations:** It's common to ask about the "طبق خاص" (special dish) to try something unique.
 3. **Share Dishes:** In Arab culture, it's common to share dishes with others at the table.
 4. **Tipping:** Tipping is appreciated but not mandatory. A tip of 10% is generally considered generous.
 5. **Compliment the Food:** Complimenting the food, like saying "لذيذ جداً" (very delicious), is a nice gesture.
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Practice Questions

1. How do you ask for the special dish in Arabic?
○ **Answer:** هل لديكم طبق خاص اليوم؟
(?Hal ladaykum tabaq khass al-yawm)
 2. What does "عصير البرتقال" mean?
○ **Answer:** Orange juice
(('Asir al-burtuqal)
 3. How do you say "Thank you" in Arabic?
○ **Answer:** شكراً
(Shukran)
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