

ORDERING LUNCH TO GO

Joe goes to Angelo's Sandwich Shop to get a sandwich. After speaking with Tim, the clerk, he decides on the meal deal.

Tim: Welcome to Angelo's. **What can I get for you?**

Joe: A chicken salad sandwich.

Tim: **For here or to go?**

Joe: To go.

Tim: Would you like that on white, wheat, or pumpernickel?

Joe: What's pumpernickel?

Tim: It's a dark brown bread, similar to rye bread.

Joe: Let me try that.

Tim: And would you like that with mustard, mayonnaise, or oil?

Joe: Mustard. But please **go light on it.**

Tim: Would you like to make that a **meal deal**? Our special this month is a sandwich, an order of French fries, and a large soda for \$6.99.

Joe: I'm going to **pass on** that. But I'd like a **side order** of fries.

Tim: **Your total comes to \$6.99.**

Joe: **On second thought, I will take you up on that meal deal.**

Tim: Sure, then you'll get a soda **at no extra charge.** That'll be \$6.99.

Joe: Sorry, but I've only got a \$100 bill.

Tim: **No worries.** We can **break it.**

IDIOMS & EXPRESSIONS

at no extra charge – free with a purchase; for no added fee

- Bob and Susan will only stay at hotels that let them bring along their dog **at no extra charge**.

(to) break – to make small change

- Can you **break** a \$50 bill? I don't have anything smaller.

For here or to go? – Do you want to eat in the restaurant or take the food with you?

- “**For here or to go?**” — “For here, please.”

(to) go light on – to put on just a small amount

- Please **go light on** the mayonnaise.

meal deal – a promotion in which several food items are sold together at a good price

- If you're hungry, I recommend the **meal deal**. You get a sandwich, soup, and drink for just \$8.99.

no worries – don't worry about it; that's fine

- “There's a 45-minute wait to get a table.” — “**No worries**. We'll just order our food to go.”

on second thought – I changed my mind

- I'm not going to order dessert. **On second thought**, the chocolate lava cake sounds delicious. I'm going to order that.

(to) pass on – to say no to; to reject

- I'm going to **pass on** dessert. I'm stuffed.

side order – a smaller dish served with the main course

- I'd like a **side order** of onion rings with my hamburger.

(to) take you up on – to accept your offer

- “You're inviting me to lunch today? I'll **take you up on** that.”

What can I get for you? – What would you like to order?

- “What can I get for you?” — “I’d like the meal deal.”

your total comes to – the bill is; the amount you owe is

- “Your total comes to \$12.89.”

Practice the Expressions

Fill in the blanks using the following expressions:

**your total comes to at no extra charge go light on it
side order what can I get for you for here or to go
pass on on second thought no worries meal deal**

Cashier: Welcome to Dan’s Sandwich Shop. (1) ?

Sandra: What does the (2) come with?

Cashier: A sandwich, your choice of soup or salad, a drink, and a cookie.

Sandra: I’m going to (3) that. It sounds like too much food. I’ll take a turkey sandwich with a (4) of French fries.

Cashier: Mustard or mayonnaise on the sandwich?

Sandra: Mustard, but (5).

Cashier: Is this (6) ?

Sandra: To go. (7), I’ll have a salad instead of the sandwich.

Cashier: (8). I’ll just go ahead and change that. I’m going to include a cookie (9). (10) \$8.50.



Language Lens: "Polite" Would

Use "would + like" to make polite requests or to ask a question in a polite way. The contracted form of *would* is 'd. When speaking, you'll usually use the contracted forms (I'd, you'd, he'd, we'd) instead of the full forms (I would, you would, he would, we would).

Requests:

- I'd like another cup of coffee, please.
- I'd like another few days to finish the proposal.
- We'd like another bottle of wine.
- We'd like a room with a view.

Polite questions:

- Would you* like some more coffee?
(You could also say, "Do you want some more coffee?" but using "would" makes the question more polite).
- Would you like to stay for dinner?
(You could also say, "Do you want to stay for dinner?" but again, using "would" makes it more polite).
- Would you like some help with your luggage?

* Note that "would you" is often pronounced as one word: *wouldja*.

Ask "wouldn't you like" if you want a positive response:

- Wouldn't you like to stay for dinner? (This sounds more like you really do want someone to stay rather than just asking, "Would you like to stay for dinner?").
- Wouldn't you like another cookie? (You're encouraging the person to go ahead and take another one).

Quick Quiz

PART A

Turn the following into polite requests using “’d like” (the contracted form of “would like”):

Example: I want a ride to the movies tonight.

Answer: I'd like a ride to the movies tonight.

- 1) I want that report on my desk by 5 o'clock.
- 2) I want a cup of coffee.
- 3) I want to leave early on Friday.
- 4) I need another pillow.
- 5) Give me some help with this project.

PART B

Form questions based on these situations using “would you like”:

Example: Your wife says she has no time to cook dinner tonight.

Answer: Would you like me to cook dinner tonight?

- 1) Your friend keeps looking at his empty coffee cup and then at the full pot of coffee on your counter.
- 2) Your neighbor tells you that her car is in the repair shop and she has no way to get to work tomorrow.
- 3) Your sister calls to tell you that her babysitter just canceled and she has nobody to look after her kids tonight.
- 4) It's 11 a.m. You're leaving the office. Your boss asks where you're going. You answer, “To get coffee at Starbucks.” He replies, “I love their cappuccinos.”
- 5) Your friend asks what you're doing to celebrate Thanksgiving. You say you're having a dinner at your house. You ask what she's doing, and she says, “I have no plans.”