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Joe goes to Angelo's Sandwich Shop to get a sandwich. After speaking with Jim, 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.

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.