



Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

Conversation Preparation Guides

Title: Drinks in a Cafe

Topic: Food in Restaurants

Level: Novice

Practice on Your Own

- Think of different cafes/coffee shops in your town or city that you are familiar with. Write their names down (at least two). What is the word for a cafe/coffee shop in the target language?
- Make a list of the drinks that are served in each cafe, such as coffee, tea, juice, wine... These should all be written in the target language.
- Draw or find some pictures of the drinks you have listed. (One option is to save pictures of the drinks on your computer.) Now ask questions and answer them like this:
 - What is this (while pointing at a picture)? This is orange juice.
 - What is this? This is tea...
- Now think of adjectives that can modify some of the drinks in your list.
 - This is tea. It is hot.
 - This is coffee. It is brown.
 - This is orange juice. It is cheap.
 - This is wine. This is expensive...

Practice in Conversation Session

Imagine your conversation partner is new to the town. He/she wants to gain some information about cafes in the area. Provide him/her with a list of cafes.

- Your conversation partner will point at each name on the list and ask you about the drinks that cafe has. "What does this one have?" You can respond by saying simply "This one has tea"; "This one has juice"; "This one does not have wine"; etc.
- Then your conversation partner asks you what each drink is like. You should respond using an adjective like what you had already prepared.

- Now ask your conversation partner to name the drinks in cafes in the town/city and then ask about some ways to describe them. Pay attention to the way you conversation partner pronounces different drinks and adjectives.
- Have you learned to compare two things? If so, this is a good time to use your knowledge to compare two of the cafes.
 - I like X more. The coffee is better.
 - I like Y more. The juice is tastier.
 - X is more expensive than Y...