Urdu in Pakistan Video Transcripts

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"What's Cooking in this Pot?"

Urdu transcript:









English translation:

"Customer: What's in this? (polite)

Owner: That has chicken.

Customer: Chicken.

Owner: It's chicken curry.

Customer: And what are you putting down… Is it also chicken?

Owner: It's also chicken.

Customer: Right. And what's in this pot?

Second owner: Chickpeas…. these are chickpeas.

Customer: Chickpeas. And what's in there?

Second Owner: That has daal (lentils).

Customer: And next to it?…Two (pots of) egg curry?

Second owner: (That's right) eggs….eggs and daal.

Customer: And what's this?

Owner: This…Is this chicken-and-onions?

Second owner: Yes (polite).

Owner (to the customer): This is chicken-and-onions.

Customer: And this is zarda (saffron rice)?

Owner: It's chicken-in-a-wok.

Customer: (Then) this is zarda (saffron rice)?

Owner: No, this is biryani (a rice and meat dish).

Customer: This is biryani. I'd like a plate of biryani, please. (Inaudible)."

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