

B2

SMALL TALK

≈ 27 MIN

## Business Dinners — *practice on paper*

You have built the lesson — now lock your business-dinner phrases in on paper. New sentences, same three stages: ordering, table talk, paying and thanking.

Ordering: I'll have ..., please. · Paying: Let me get this.

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YOUR BUILD

1 · SORTING

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4 · WRITE

BRICK 1 · SORT BY OFFER AND REQUEST · APPROX. 4 MIN

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**Offers** — you offer the other person something or take care of something — go on the left. **Requests** — you want to have or know something yourself — go on the right.

Would you mind passing the olive oil?

Would you like to try the cheese?

Can I get you another drink?

May I get a receipt for my company?

Could you bring us some tap water?

Can I pour you some water?

Could you recommend a local wine?

Dessert is on me tonight.

Would you like a coffee after the meal?

Could we see the dessert menu?

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BRICK 2 · FILL IN THE MISSING WORD · APPROX. 6 MIN

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Fill in the missing word. Every sentence comes from a business dinner — read it through before you write.

- 01 For my main course, I'd  the duck.
- 02 Which dessert would you  here?
- 03 Would you like  visit our new office next week?
- 04 Shall we order a bottle of red  the table?
- 05 Please, let me  this — it's my treat.
- 06 Is there anything on the menu you  eat?
- 07 Thanks so much  inviting me to dinner.
- 08 We need to leave soon — could you bring the  ?

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## BRICK 3 · FIND AND CORRECT THE MISTAKE · APPROX. 7 MIN



Each sentence holds exactly one mistake. Underline it and write the whole sentence correctly.

01 Could I become a glass of sparkling water?

02 Good appetite, everyone!

03 Put your wallet away — I invite you.

04 Would you like see the old town tomorrow morning?

05 That's really kind from you — thank you!

06 Could you pass me please the salt?

## BRICK 4 · WRITE YOUR OWN SENTENCES · APPROX. 8 MIN



Write one sentence for each prompt, ready for your next business dinner. Keep the three stages in mind: ordering, table talk, paying and thanking.

01 Ask for a recommendation — "What would you recommend?"

02 Order a dish — "I'll have ..., please."

03 Offer something — "Would you like some more ...?"

04 Pay and say thank you — "Let me get this."

## MINI-CHECK — CAN I DO THIS YET?

- ☐ I order with "I'll have ..." or "Could I have ...?", never with "become".
- ☐ I offer with "Would you like ...?" and ask with "Could you ..., please?".
- ☐ I say "Let me get this" or "This is on me" when I pay.
- ☐ I thank my host for the evening when I leave.

*Not every box ticked? Build the lesson once more and try this sheet again tomorrow.*



# Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why** — the rule matters more than the result.

## BRICK 1 · SORTING

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| <p>01 <b>Request</b> — "Would you mind passing the olive oil?"<br/><i>You want something yourself.</i></p> <p>02 <b>Offer</b> — "Would you like to try the cheese?"<br/><i>"Would you like ...?" offers.</i></p> <p>03 <b>Offer</b> — "Can I get you another drink?"<br/><i>You fetch something for the other person.</i></p> <p>04 <b>Request</b> — "May I get a receipt for my company?"<br/><i>You ask for proof of payment.</i></p> <p>05 <b>Request</b> — "Could you bring us some tap water?"<br/><i>You ask the waiter for something.</i></p> | <p>06 <b>Offer</b> — "Can I pour you some water?"<br/><i>You serve the other person.</i></p> <p>07 <b>Request</b> — "Could you recommend a local wine?"<br/><i>You ask for a recommendation.</i></p> <p>08 <b>Offer</b> — "Dessert is on me tonight."<br/><i>You offer to pay.</i></p> <p>09 <b>Offer</b> — "Would you like a coffee after the meal?"<br/><i>"Would you like ...?" offers.</i></p> <p>10 <b>Request</b> — "Could we see the dessert menu?"<br/><i>You ask for the menu.</i></p> |
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## BRICK 2 · FILL-IN

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| <p>01 For my main course, I'd <b>like</b> (or <b>have</b> / <b>take</b> / <b>choose</b> / <b>prefer</b> / <b>go for</b>) the duck.<br/><i>Polite ordering with "I'd like".</i></p> <p>02 Which dessert would you <b>recommend</b> (or <b>suggest</b> / <b>choose</b> / <b>pick</b> / <b>order</b> / <b>have</b> / <b>try</b> / <b>get</b>) here?<br/><i>Asking for a recommendation.</i></p> <p>03 Would you like <b>to</b> visit our new office next week?<br/><i>Invitation: "Would you like to" + base form.</i></p> <p>04 Shall we order a bottle of red <b>for</b> the table?<br/><i>"For the table" = for everyone.</i></p> | <p>05 Please, let me <b>get</b> (or <b>pay for</b> / <b>cover</b> / <b>handle</b>) this — it's my treat.<br/><i>"Let me get this" = I'll pay.</i></p> <p>06 Is there anything on the menu you <b>don't</b> (or <b>can't</b>) eat?<br/><i>Asking politely about food preferences.</i></p> <p>07 Thanks so much <b>for</b> inviting me to dinner.<br/><i>"Thanks for" + -ing.</i></p> <p>08 We need to leave soon — could you bring the <b>bill</b> (or <b>check</b>)?<br/><i>BrE "bill", AmE "check".</i></p> |
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## BRICK 3 · CORRECT

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| <p>01 Could I <b>have</b> (or <b>get</b>) a glass of sparkling water?<br/><i>"Become" means "turn into".</i></p> <p>02 <b>Enjoy your meal</b> (or <b>Enjoy</b> / <b>Bon appétit</b>), everyone!<br/><i>"Good appetite" is not idiomatic.</i></p> <p>03 Put your wallet away — <b>this is on me</b> (or <b>let me get this</b>).<br/><i>Not "invite" when paying.</i></p> | <p>04 Would you like <b>to see</b> the old town tomorrow morning?<br/><i>"Would you like to" + base form.</i></p> <p>05 That's really kind <b>of</b> you — thank you!<br/><i>German "nett von dir" = "kind of you".</i></p> <p>06 Could you pass me the salt, <b>please</b>?<br/><i>"Please" at the end or after "Could you".</i></p> |
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## BRICK 4 · WRITE

Your sentences may differ — just check the stage and the phrase.

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| <p>01 <b>"What would you recommend</b> for a starter?"<br/><i>Asking for a recommendation.</i></p> <p>02 <b>"I'll have</b> the risotto, <b>please</b>."<br/><i>Ordering with "I'll have".</i></p> | <p>03 <b>"Would you like some more</b> bread?"<br/><i>A polite offer.</i></p> <p>04 <b>"Let me get this</b>. Thank you for coming tonight."<br/><i>Paying and thanking.</i></p> |
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