

Restaurant Role Play

FOREIGN LANGUAGE



Overview

Students create a restaurant scene entirely in the target language, practicing food vocabulary, polite expressions, and transactional conversations.

Steps for Teachers

1. Review restaurant vocabulary: greetings, menu items, ordering phrases
2. Discuss cultural differences in restaurant etiquette
3. Students write a script for a complete restaurant visit
4. Students create server and customer characters
5. Students design a menu in the target language
6. Students record the entire restaurant experience
7. Role play real ordering using classroom 'restaurant'

Example

A German student creates a restaurant scene. Server: 'Guten Abend! Willkommen im Restaurant. Hier ist die Speisekarte.' Customer: 'Danke! Was empfehlen Sie?' Server: 'Die Wiener Schnitzel ist sehr gut.' Customer: 'Gut, ich nehme das Schnitzel und ein Glas Wasser, bitte.' Server: 'Möchten Sie auch eine Nachspeise?' Customer: 'Ja, einen Apfelstrudel, bitte.' Server: 'Das macht fünfzehn Euro.' Customer: 'Hier, bitte. Stimmt so!'

Grading Rubric

Criteria	Excellent	Proficient	Developing
Transactional Language	Appropriate phrases for ordering, paying, thanking	Most transactional phrases used correctly	Missing key restaurant phrases
Food Vocabulary	Varied and accurate food vocabulary	Adequate food vocabulary	Very limited food vocabulary
Politeness	Appropriate polite forms and cultural norms	Generally polite language	Missing politeness conventions
Complete Transaction	Full restaurant experience from greeting to payment	Main parts of transaction included	Incomplete restaurant scenario