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Materials for language learning

# No Reservation, No Problem?

A short story for A1-A2 learners



# Vocabulary

1. wallet
2. bill
3. pay
4. phone
5. cash
6. card
7. bag
8. receptionist
9. hotel
10. alone

- A. sweet food after a meal
- B. not quiet, full of people and activity
- C. to use something together with someone
- D. a place to sit with food in a restaurant
- E. someone eating at a restaurant
- F. food like spaghetti or lasagna
- G. ask for a table in advance
- H. nice, expensive, elegant
- I. something you sit on
- J. person who brings food to your table



# Part 1 – A Fancy Idea

Tom is in Rome. He walks past a beautiful, fancy restaurant.

“I want to eat something nice tonight,” he thinks.

He goes inside. The waiter smiles.

“Hello, do you have a reservation?”

Tom looks confused. “Uh... no. Is that bad?”

The waiter looks around. The restaurant is very busy.



**Do you always make reservations when you  
go to a restaurant?**



## Part 2 – A Lucky Table

“There is only one table left,” the waiter says.

“Great!” says Tom.

“But...” the waiter adds, “it’s a shared table.”

Tom doesn’t mind. “No problem! I love meeting new people.”

He sits down and waits. Then... someone else comes.

It’s a woman with three noisy kids!



**Would you share a table with strangers?**



## Part 3 – Food and Flying Forks

Tom's food arrives — delicious pasta and salad. The kids at the table are loud. One drops a spoon. Another throws a breadstick. The smallest one sings loudly.

Tom tries to smile. “This is... fun?” he says.

The mother looks tired. “I’m sorry. They love restaurants...”



**What would you do in Tom's place?**





## Part 4 – A Sweet Ending

The waiter brings dessert — a big chocolate cake!

“I’m sorry about the noise,” the mother says. “Let’s share this.”

Tom laughs. “Okay, now I’m happy!”

He eats the cake, and one of the kids gives him a high five.

“No reservation, no problem,” Tom smiles.



# What is *your* favourite dessert?



# Let's talk!

- Do you like fancy restaurants or small local places?
- Have you ever shared a table with strangers?
- What do you usually order when you eat out?
- What's your favourite dessert?
- How do you feel when a restaurant is loud?
- What do you say if you don't have a reservation?
- Do you enjoy eating with kids around?