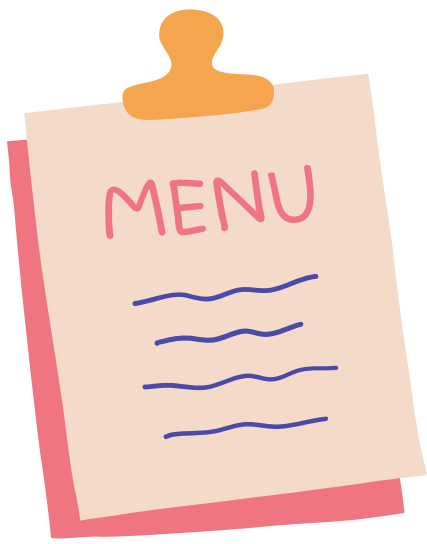




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# The Menu Mix-Up

A short story for A1-A2 learners



# Vocabulary

1. menu
2. waiter
3. spicy
4. order
5. dish
6. soup
7. glass
8. customer
9. restaurant
10. polite

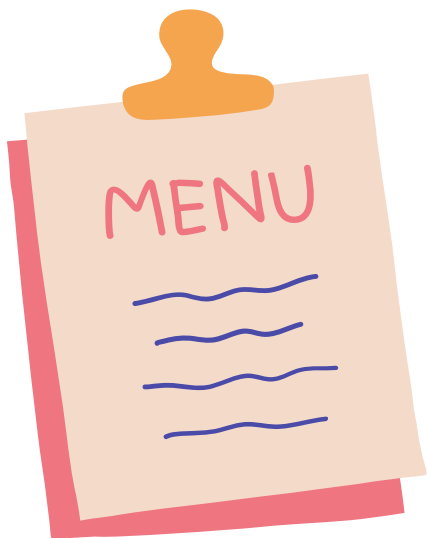
- A. hot with a strong flavour
- B. food in a bowl, usually hot
- C. someone eating in a restaurant
- D. a list of food at a restaurant
- E. to ask for food or drink
- F. something you eat (a plate of food)
- G. person who brings food at a restaurant
- H. showing good manners
- I. place where you go to eat
- J. cup made of glass



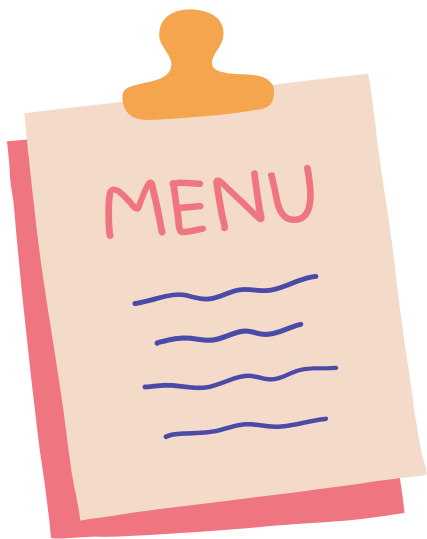
# Part 1 – Hungry and Excited

Lucy is in Paris on holiday. She finds a small restaurant with a nice menu.

“I want to try something new,” she says.

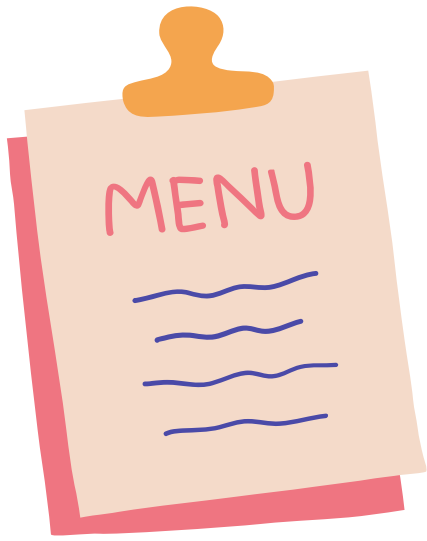


# What would you like to try in Paris?

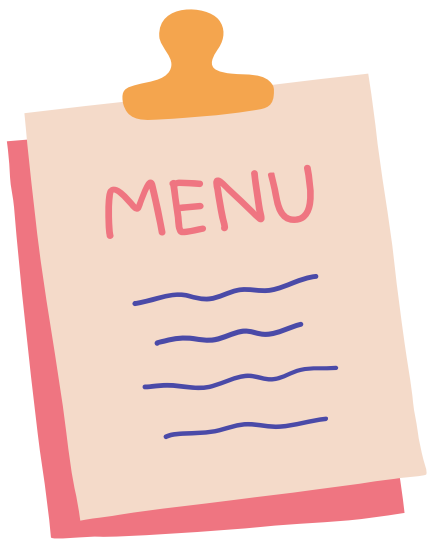


## Part 2 – Hungry and Excited

She doesn't speak much French, but the menu has pictures.  
She points to a bowl of soup and says, "I'll have this, please."  
The waiter nods and writes it down. Lucy is excited. "I love soup,"  
she thinks.



**Have you ever tried food in another country?  
Was it always good?**



## Part 3 – Something Smells Strange

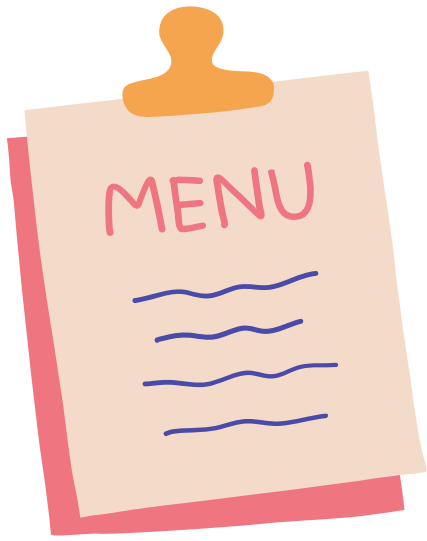
The waiter brings her dish. But it doesn't look like soup.

It smells spicy. And... is that a snail?

“Um... is this soup?” Lucy asks.

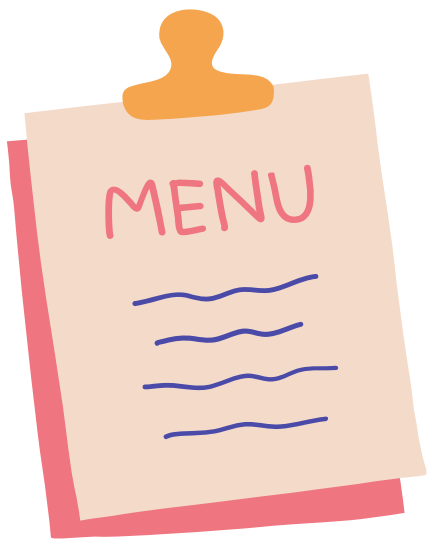
The waiter smiles. “No, it's escargots épicés — spicy snails! Very good!”

Lucy wants to be polite. “Okay... I'll try one.”



**Would you eat spicy snails? Why or why not?**



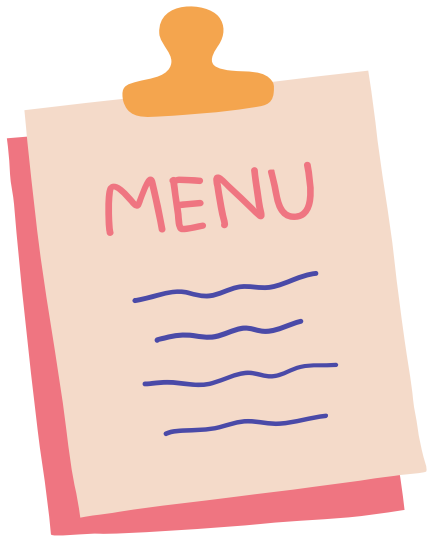


## Part 4 – Snail Panic

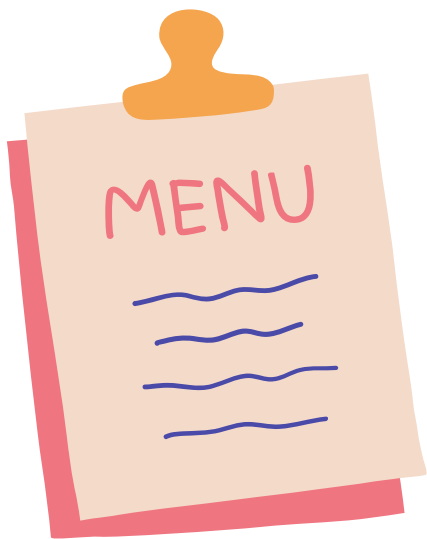
Lucy puts one snail in her mouth. It's very hot (gorący lub ostry). She starts to cough. Her face turns red. She grabs her glass of water and drinks fast. Other customers look at her.

“Are you okay?” the waiter asks.

“I think I ordered the wrong dish,” Lucy says, laughing.



**What would you do in this situation?**



## Part 5 – A Better Dish

The waiter brings her some bread and soup.

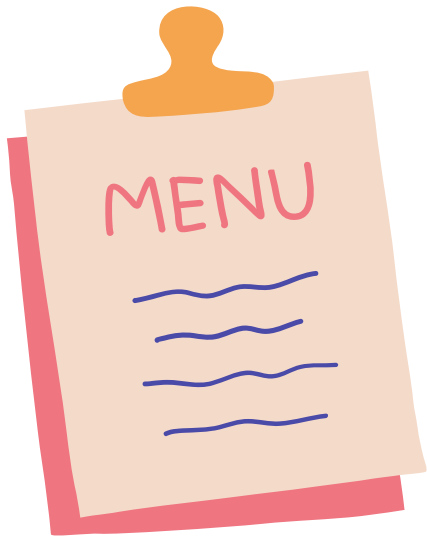
“This is for you. No snails!” he says.

Lucy laughs and takes a bite.

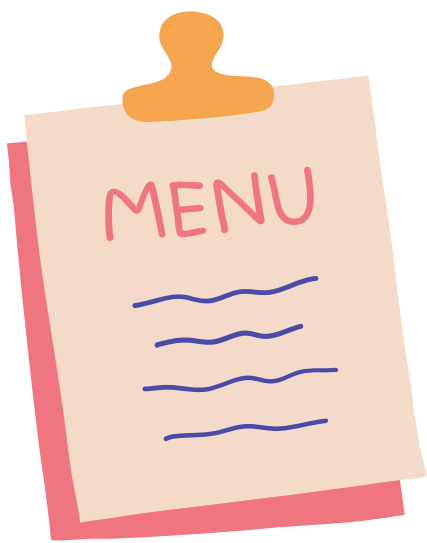
“Mmm, much better,” she says.

The waiter smiles. “Next time, ask me for help!”

Lucy nods. “Next time, I will!”



**Have you ever ordered the wrong food by mistake?**



# Let's talk!

- Do you understand the menu in a new country?
- Have you ever eaten something by mistake?
- What's the strangest food you've ever tried?
- Would you try snails, insects, or something very spicy?
- What food do you always order at a restaurant?
- How can you ask for help in a restaurant if you don't speak the language?
- What food do you think is popular in your country but strange for tourists?