

Lesson 4. At the restaurant

Watch out for your pronunciation

- Repeat after the Spanish speaker: *ra, re, ri, ro, ru*.
- Now, let's practise the 'r' sound in: *tardes, eres, gracias, pronto, María, hora, claro, dar, ordenador, sirve*.
- Notice the difference between the 'r' and the 'rr' sounds: *radio, cafetería, reserva, firme, recepcionista, ver*. Don't forget that an 'r' at the beginning of a word always has a 'rr' sound.
- How to stress Spanish words: It is good to learn where the stress goes on each word. Many Spanish words are stressed on the second last vowel, or group of vowels, but not all of them. Practise saying: *adiós, también, estás, hotel, algún; teléfono, electrónico*.
- Linking words. Practise saying these sentences like the Spanish speaker: *¿qué van a tomar?* (what are you going to have?), *¿dónde están los servicios?* (where are the toilets?), *las sardinas asadas y el atún* (the grilled sardines and the tuna), *¿tienen algún plato vegetariano?* (do you have any vegetarian dishes?). Notice that when a word ends in a consonant and the next one starts with a vowel (like *sardinas asadas*) these two words are run together and sound like one long word with no break. Also, when a word starts with the same letter that the previous word finishes with (like the 'e' in *dónde están*) you only say that letter once.
- Difficult words: Listen to these words and practise saying them: *tiene, volver, primero, filete, pollo, vino, servicios, recomendación, vegetariano, tortilla, mayonesa, arroz, pimienta*.

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