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Dining out is one of the most enjoyable things we can do, and it has become part of every culture. People have the opportunity of seeing new places and of course of tasting different types of food. This is one of the most popular activities for people all over the world.

For being such a popular and common activity, we need to make sure we know how to behave and what to say when visiting a restaurant or a cafeteria.

## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RESTAURANT AND CAFETERIA

First of all, these two establishments work perfectly if we want to have something to eat. However, what's the difference between them?





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## RESTAURANT

A restaurant is an establishment that prepares food; however, their emphasis is the service they provide to people. Menus in a restaurant are often exclusive according to the type of restaurant it is.

There are many types of restaurants, and the variety of food they offer varies as well. For example, there are many fast food restaurants, which are very popular among people, especially when you go to a Mall or a shopping center, as they provide a varied menu, very accessible in price and very fast service.

On the other hand, there are other restaurants that are dedicated to a specific type of food, for example, Lebanese restaurants, Mexican restaurants, etc. These restaurants are usually more expensive than the rest and you need to order your meal and wait for it to be prepared and brought to your table.

The service at these restaurants is personalized and their presentation is very nice, as they aim to provide a great experience to their customers.



## CAFETERIA

Cafeterias are simpler establishments in which you can find different types of food. Most of their prizes are affordable and the service they provide is more like that of a shop, where you ask for what you want to buy, wait for it at the counter and then you take it to your table. Some of these establishments do not even have a place to seat, so in these cases, you need to take your food to go.

Many cafeterias offer coffee, pastry, desserts and sandwiches, which are not that common in regular restaurants. Cafeterias are more visited by people who are doing some errands and suddenly they get hungry. There are also people who like to meet their friends at a cafeteria just for a cup of coffee and some chatting. They are barely looked for when you want to have dinner or lunch outside for a celebration or similar.





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Both restaurants and cafeterias offer menus in order for people to choose what they want to eat. A menu looks like this.

**What kind of food do you like?**

## LIKES AND DISLIKES

Not everyone is the same and of course not everyone likes the same. Everyone has different likes and we are lucky this is the way it works, as how boring would the world be if we would all like the same!

So, how do we express if we like or do not like something? We use the following structure:

Subject + **like** + noun

Subject + **do not like** + noun

Examples:

- I like pizza.
- I do not like carrots.

There are also other expressions that help us say when we like or do not like something, depending on the intensity of our feelings.

### LIKE

I'm crazy about...

I love...

I adore...

I like...

I enjoy...

I'm keen on...

### DISLIKE

I hate...

I can't stand...

I'm fed up with...

I dislike...

I don't like...

I'm not too keen on...



## PREFERENCES

There are times in which we like many things at the same time; however, we prefer some over the rest. These are our preferences, and the most common way of expressing them is as follows:

Subject + **prefer** + complement

Example:

- I prefer pizza over hamburgers.

**A.** What do you **prefer**, a dress or a pair of pants?

**B.** Mmmm, I **prefer** a dress.



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