

Au Restaurant

You'll never go far wrong at a restaurant if you choose **le menu du jour** or **le plat du jour** (special / dish of the day).

Je voudrais vous inviter à déjeuner

J'accepte, avec plaisir

Le petit déjeuner (breakfast) is coffee (or hot chocolate) with bread or croissants and jam. Cereals are becoming more popular, though the full English breakfast remains firmly English. Tea is drunk in France, though not the same volume or frequency as in the UK. And it tastes different, so tea-drinkers, take your own tea bags.

The cuppa on the hour every hour – to kick start meetings or social get-togethers – doesn't happen in France. Offer the French a cup of tea or coffee at 10 o'clock and they'll probably tell you they've already had their breakfast.

Le déjeuner (lunch) is more of an event in France than in the UK. The French like to get away from their desks and enjoy a meal. **Le déjeuner** is a good time for people to get together and discuss this and that, which in the UK would typically be done by email with a sandwich in front of the computer.

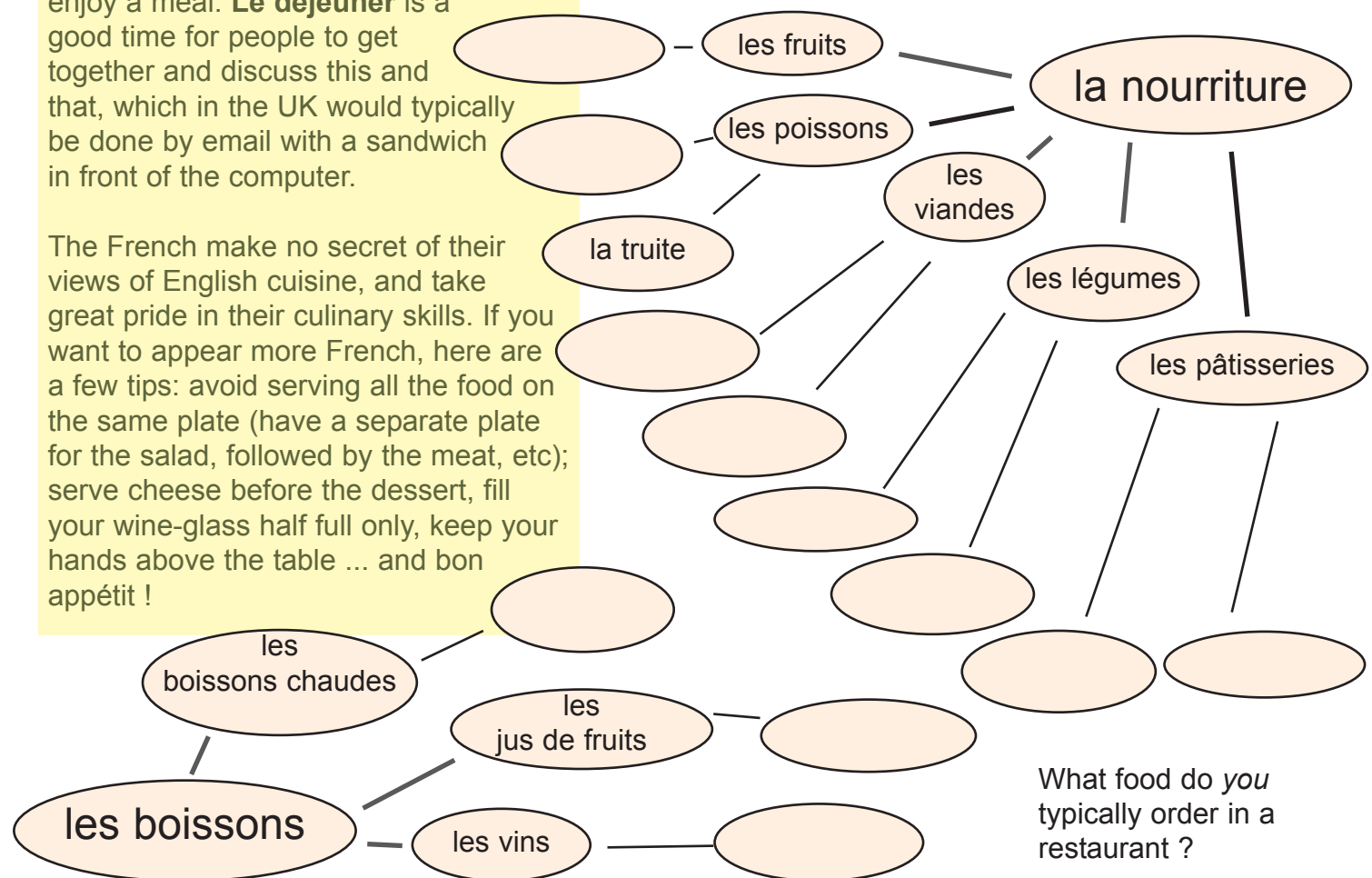
The French make no secret of their views of English cuisine, and take great pride in their culinary skills. If you want to appear more French, here are a few tips: avoid serving all the food on the same plate (have a separate plate for the salad, followed by the meat, etc); serve cheese before the dessert, fill your wine-glass half full only, keep your hands above the table ... and bon appétit !

je voudrais vous inviter à dîner let me to invite you to dinner
je voudrais vous inviter à déjeuner let me to invite you to lunch
avec plaisir with pleasure
je voudrais réserver une table I would like to reserve a table
pour combien de personnes ? for how many people?
pour quatre personnes for four people
au nom de qui ? in whose name?
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Your teacher is a colleague at work. Invite him/her for lunch today.

Your teacher is now a restaurant manager. Call him/her and book a table for two for this evening.

Ask your teacher to help add food and drink you like



What food do you typically order in a restaurant ?



Qu'est-ce que vous allez prendre, Madame ?

You are the waiter. Your teacher orders a meal from the choice below. What does s/he order ?

Now it's your turn to order a meal, this time from Le Menu Touristique.

The next day you return and choose a meal from Le Menu Gastronomique.

qu'est-ce que vous allez prendre? what will you have?
je vais prendre ... I will have ...

- ... le menu à 22 euros
- ... le plat du jour special of the day
- ... la truite the trout
- ... le saumon the salmon
- ... les huîtres the oysters
- ... le steak the steak
- ... le potage du jour soup of the day

comme plat principal for the main course
suivi(e/s) par followed by
ensuite then, next

une bouteille de vin rouge a bottle of red wine
comme dessert je vais prendre... for pudding I'll have...

saignant/à point/bien cuit rare/medium/well-done
bon appétit! enjoy the meal!
c'est délicieux! it is delicious!
l'addition svp the bill please

1. What are you going to have?
2. I'll have the 25 euro menu.
3. I'll have the trout followed by the veal.
3. For the main course?
4. A table for six please.
5. It's delicious !
6. And for dessert?
7. The bill please.
8. How much is it?

LE MENU GASTRONOMIQUE 28,00 euros

Potage

Cuisses de grenouille

Andouillette

Rillettes

Plateau de fruits de mer

Les quenelles de brochet à l'armoricaine

Saumon au choux et à la Gentiane

Côtes de veau à la crème

Magret de Canard au Miel

Souris d'agneau cuite fondante au romarin

Entrecôte du Pays ay Bleu d'Auvergne

Plateau de fromages

Desserts au choix

Café

LE MENU TOURISTIQUE 18,00 euros

Potage

Pâté de la région

Melon à l'italienne

Escargots de Bourgogne

Salade de saison

Truite au lard

Confit de canard

Côtelettes d'agneau

Faux filet au poivre

Plateau de fromages

ou

Desserts au choix

Café