INTERMEDIATE UNIT 10

a restaurant review

speakout WRITING TIP

When you write a restaurant review, you need to include basic information about the restaurant as well as your general impressions and specific details about the price, service, décor and atmosphere. You need to conclude by saying whether or not you would recommend the restaurant to other people.

1 **Decide if these questions relate to the price, food, service, décor or atmosphere.**

1 Is the restaurant good value for money?
2 What are the restaurant's specialities?
3 Is the restaurant noisy?
4 Are there any special offers?
5 Do you have to wait a long time to be served?
6 Does the restaurant look nice?

2 **Read the restaurant review. Which of the questions in exercise 1 does it answer?**

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RESTAURANTS BOOK ONLINE

Banger's Brasserie

Banger's Brasserie, St. Michael's Street, 744241

Banger's is a smart, stylish restaurant with a difference: they only serve sausages! I ate there for the first time last night, and I had such a nice time that I want to go back as soon as possible!

The décor is modern and there is a lot of space between the tables, so you always feel that you're having a private conversation, even when the restaurant is full. The young staff are friendly and helpful, although the service can be a bit slow when things are busy. The menu is very reasonably priced and includes vegetarian, traditional and gourmet sausages, along with an excellent range of side dishes, such as mashed potatoes, sauerkraut and sautéed vegetables. I had the sautéed veg., and it was so good that I asked for seconds! While the food is first-class, the portions aren't very generous, so you'll probably want to order a dessert if you're very hungry.

To conclude, I would recommend Banger's, but don't go there unless you like sausages!

3 **Match the underlined expressions in the review to the uses below:**

a) Contrast two ideas
b) Introduce a condition
c) Express a consequence

4 **Use the words in brackets to connect the ideas. Write one sentence for each question.**

1 food was bad / not go again (so)
2 service terrible / food good when it came (although)
3 a wide choice / couldn't decide what to eat (such)
4 you like fish / good place to eat (unless)
5 great food / prices are very high (while)

5 **Write a review of a restaurant or café that you know well (80–100 words).**

Plan your writing

- Think about the content of your review. What is your general impression of the restaurant? Give details about the food, price, service, décor and atmosphere.
- Remember to add a conclusion saying whether or not you would recommend it.

Check your writing

- Have you used some of the underlined expressions in the text in exercise 2 to connect your ideas?
- Have you checked your grammar and spelling?
- Did you find any mistakes?

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