

Socialising prepositions and determiners pairwork

Take a Student A or Student B worksheet and work with someone with the other worksheet, not showing your worksheets to each other. If there are three students in your group, two people should share one worksheet.

Choose one section and say one example with the word in **bold** missing, e.g. "It's a bit too big BLANK one person" or "Do you have BEEP allergies?" Your partner should guess what the missing word is. They can only guess once per hint. If they are wrong, give them another example from the same section (i.e. with the same word missing). Continue with one guess per hint until your partner guesses correctly, making more examples yourself with the same missing word if they don't guess before you run out of examples on your worksheet. Then switch roles and try to guess the one missing word from your partner's examples. Continue taking turns giving hints and guessing until your teacher stops the game. You can go back to the same section later if you still have examples left.

Ask about any phrases which you don't understand, think could have a different word in the place in **bold**, etc.

Swap worksheets and do the same again, this time making sure that you choose the most challenging categories and examples first (because your partner has already seen that worksheet).

Do the brainstorming stage below, then check your answers.

Choose one section of the brainstorming stage below and see if your partner can guess the words in **bold** in that section, this time meaning different words in each phrase.



Student A

A

- That's **a** great idea. I'll (definitely) do that.
- That seems like a good idea. I'll give it **a** go.
- (That's **a** real shame) that sounds like just my kind of thing, but...
- That **a** pity.
- That's **a** shame. How about if we made it...?
- Shall we get **a** starter?
- (I should warn you that) it's (**a** bit) slimy/ spicy/ smelly/ weird/ an acquired taste.
- It has **a** (slight/ strong) smell (of...)
- It's (usually) **a** side dish.

About

- How **about** bowling?
- Have you thought **about** taking the bullet train?
- It might be worth thinking **about** buying some snacks as souvenirs.
- You can forget **about** getting a taxi late at night.
- Hmm. That might be worth thinking **about**.
- How do you feel **about** spicy food?

An

- That's **an** excellent suggestion. I'll do exactly what you said.
- Never mind. **Another** time, perhaps.
- That's very kind, but I couldn't eat **another** thing.

Back

- When are you flying **back**?
- I'll (definitely) come **back** here again.
- Are you okay getting **back** to your hotel?

For

- Are you finished **for** today?
- Do you have any plans **for** this evening?
- Shall I order **for** all of us?
- Are you ready **for** dessert?
- It's big enough **for** two people.
- It's (not) suitable **for** vegans.
- It's (a bit) too big **for** one person.
- Thanks **for** your recommendation, but...
- You must email me the recipe **for** this (so I can try and cook it at home).
- I hope it isn't too spicy **for** you.



From

- It's (originally) **from** the West of the country.
- It's imported **from** Russia.
- What is it made **from**?
- It is (about) 500 metres **from** here.

In

- Are you interested **in** sumo?
- I'd be **in** no hurry to go to Roppongi.
- (I see what you mean). **In** that case,...
- Would you be interested **in** joining us?
- ...I have a meeting **in** Nagoya and won't be back until nine p.m.
- It's sometimes dipped **in** sauce.
- It's usually wrapped **in** seaweed.
- It's especially popular **in** this area.

On

- It's **on** me./ This one is **on** me. (You can pay next time).
- Is it big enough **on** its own (or will I need to order another dish)?
- It takes (about) ten minutes **on** foot.
- Take the second door **on** the left.

The

- What's **the** best area for nightlife?
- Shall we split **the** bill?
- **The** main ingredient is flour.
- What are **the** (main) ingredients?
- Am I eating this **the** right way?
- How do you pronounce **the** name of this one?
- Do you know where **the** restroom is?
- Thank you very much for your hospitality. I'll do **the** same for you sometime.
- Can you remember **the** way out?

This

- I'd recommend **this** starter.
- I think you'd like **this** side dish.
- You really must try **this** dessert.
- Have you been to **this** restaurant before?

To

- What are you planning **to** do while you are here?
- Is there anywhere good **to** eat around here?
- We would like to invite you **to** a party.
- Would you like **to** come (with us)?
- I'd love **to**. (Where shall we meet?)
- (Oh) I would have loved **to**, but...
- Would you like anything (else) **to** drink?



Student B

A

- It's **a** local speciality.
- It's great when you have **a** hangover.
- Can you recommend **a** main dish?
- Is it **a** starter or main course?
- This looks like **a** nice place. Do you come here often?
- Shall we make **a** move?
- Shall I call you **a** taxi?
- Do you need **a** ride to the station?
- If you don't mind, I'd prefer something **a** bit less filling.
- It's eaten as **a** snack.

Any

- Are there **any** good restaurants near here?
- I'd like to see some sport while I'm here. Do you have **any** recommendations?
- I'm not so sure that's a good idea (because...) Can you suggest **anything** else?
- Actually, ... already. (Do you have **any** other ideas?)
- Do you have **any** allergies?
- Is there **anything** you don't like?

At

- ... I will be flying home **at** just that time.
- Do people (often) cook it **at** home?

Between

- You can choose **between** fried and steamed.
- What's the difference **between** this one and that one?
- Can we split this **between** us?

In

- It's cooked on the table **in** front of you.
- It's rich **in** protein.
- Dig **in**!
- Is this available **in** your country (too), do you know?
- Does this have pork **in** it?
- What's **in** it?
- Can I buy this **in** a supermarket?
- You are too kind! You must let me take you out **in** return.

Like

- Do you feel **like** joining us?
- What does it taste **like**?
- I'm afraid it doesn't really sound **like** my kind of thing.



My

- **My** advice would be...
- **My** (personal) recommendation is...
- That's not a bad idea. I'll try **my** best to do that.
- (Sure). That sounds like just **my** kind of thing (See you there!)
- (No, no, I insist). You are **my** guest today.
- I think this one is **my** favourite.
- I'll recommend this place to **my** colleagues.

Of

- What kind **of** food do you like?
- Have you ever heard **of** wasabi?
- What sort **of** food do you like?
- (It all looks so nice.) I'll let you order for both **of** us.
- This reminds me (a little) **of** German food.
- How do you spell the name **of** this one? (I'd like to Google it later).

To

- Are you allergic **to** anything?
- It's (not very) easy **to** eat.
- It's (very/ fairly) similar **to** fish and chips, but...
- I think I'd like **to** try this one.
- I might stick **to** soft drinks, actually.
- Do you know how **to** make this one?
- Would you like me to take you **to** the airport?
- Would you like to come along (**to** our party)?

Up

- That's fine, you can just come along later. Just phone me when you get to the station and I'll come and pick you **up**.
- Is it okay to pick this **up** (with my fingers)?

With

- Why don't you come (**with** us)?
- It goes well **with** this sauce/ with....
- It's often filled **with** meat.
- It's (usually) eaten **with** chopsticks.
- Feel free to eat **with** your fingers.

Your

- Is this **your** first time here/ in Tokyo/ here in Tokyo?
- Okay. I understand. If you change **your** mind...
- Please help **yourself**.
- How's **your** meal?

Brainstorming stage

Without looking above, write as many suitable phrases as you can in each gap below.

Recommendations and invitations**4A. Small talk questions from the host leading to recommendations and invitations****4B. Small talk questions from the guest leading to recommendations and invitations****Asking for and making recommendations****4C. Asking for recommendations****4D. Giving recommendations****4Di. Strong recommendations****4Dii. Weaker recommendations****4Diii. Negative recommendations****4Div. Further recommendations (after the response to the first recommendation)****4E. Responses to recommendations****4Ei. Strong positive responses to recommendations****4Eii. Weaker positive responses to recommendations****4Eiii. Negative responses****4Fii. Inviting****4G. Positive responses to invitations****4H. Negative responses to invitations****4Hi. Positive comments on the invitation**

4Hii. Giving a (detailed) reason for saying no

4Iii. Reactions to negative responses

Giving up when receiving negative responses (without sounding negative)

Trying again when receiving negative responses

5A. Useful phrases for hosts in restaurants

5Ai. Offers

5Aii. Questions to ask the guest before ordering

5Aiii. Recommendations/ Suggestions

5Aiv. Phrases for describing food

5Avi. Chatting while eating/ about the food and restaurant/ Making conversation

5B. Useful phrases for guests in restaurants

5Bi. Questions about food and drink (before ordering)

5Bii. Requests

5Biii. Refusing/ Turning down offers

5Biv. Chatting while eating/ Chatting about the food/ Making conversation

5Bv. Complimenting/ Thanking

2F. Moving to another place/ Directing people/ Giving directions

Look above for suitable phrases, brainstorm more, then compare with lists of phrases or as a class.