

Real English at the Café — Ordering and Small Talk

(How to order food, be polite, and talk naturally)

1. Why Café English Matters

Ordering coffee, buying snacks, or chatting at a café are small but real English moments.

They help you sound natural — not just correct.

If you can order with confidence, you can start any simple conversation.

2. Useful Phrases to Order

At the counter:

- “Hi, can I have a latte, please?”
- “I’ll take a croissant and a cappuccino.”
- “Is this to stay or to go?”
- “Can I get that with milk / without sugar?”

When you finish:

- “That’s all, thank you.”
 - “Could I pay by card?”
 - “Keep the change.”
 - “Thanks — have a nice day!”
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3. Phrases for Small Talk

While waiting:

- “It’s busy today, huh?”
- “The smell of coffee here is amazing.”
- “Do you come here often?”
- “I love mornings like this.”

When your order comes:

- “That looks great, thanks!”
 - “Smells perfect.”
 - “Enjoy your drink!”
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4. Real Dialogue Example

Server: “Hi there! What can I get you?”

You: “Hi, can I have an iced latte, please?”

Server: “Sure! Anything to eat?”

You: “Yes, one muffin, please.”

Server: “For here or to go?”

You: “To go, thanks.”

Server: “That’s €5.50.”

You: “Here you go. Thank you!”

Server: “Thanks! Have a nice day.”

You: “You too!”

5. Practice Activity

1. Write your own café order (food + drink).
 2. Record yourself saying it aloud.
 3. Try a short role play with a friend: one person = server, one = customer.
 4. Switch roles and repeat.
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6. Challenge for You

Next time you order food or drinks (in English or your language), use at least **one full sentence** from this class.

Write it down and share it in the Café with “☕ Café English Challenge.”

7. Final Reminder

Confidence doesn’t come from perfect grammar.

It comes from sounding polite, friendly, and relaxed — even when you just want coffee.