



Menu Vocabulary in English: useful words for understanding dishes, sections, and descriptions

50 words

ENGLISH	TRANSCRIPTION
menu	/ˈmenjuː/
starter	/ˈstɑːtə/
main course	/ˌmeɪn ˈkɔːs/
side dish	/ˈsaɪd dɪʃ/
dessert	/dɪˈzɜːt/
soup	/suːp/
salad	/ˈsæləd/
grilled	/ɡrɪld/
fried	/fraɪd/
roasted	/ˈrəʊstɪd/
spicy	/ˈspaɪsi/
mild	/maɪld/
sauce	/sɔːs/
served with	/sɜːvd wɪð/
contains	/kənˈteɪnz/
dish	/dɪʃ/
special	/ˈspeʃəl/
vegetarian	/ˌvedʒəˈteəriən/
vegan	/ˈviːɡən/
seafood	/ˈsiːfuːd/
portion	/ˈpɔːʃən/
chef's special	/ʃefs ˈspeʃəl/
section	/ˈseksjən/
description	/dɪˈskrɪpʃən/

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appetizer	<i>/'æpɪtaɪzə(r)/</i>
entree	<i>/'ɒntreɪ/</i>
pasta dish	<i>/'pæstə dɪʃ/</i>
fish dish	<i>/fɪʃ dɪʃ/</i>
meat dish	<i>/mi:t dɪʃ/</i>
garnish	<i>/'gɑ:nɪʃ/</i>
dressing	<i>/'dresɪŋ/</i>
allergy information	<i>/'ælədʒi ,ɪnfə'meɪʃən/</i>
gluten-free	<i>/'glu:tən fri:/</i>
dairy-free	<i>/'deəri fri:/</i>
side salad	<i>/saɪd 'sæləd/</i>
house wine	<i>/haʊs waɪn/</i>
meal deal	<i>/mi:l di:l/</i>
tasting menu	<i>/'teɪstɪŋ ,menju:/</i>
set menu	<i>/set 'menju:/</i>
kids menu	<i>/kɪdz 'menju:/</i>
serving size	<i>/'sɜ:vɪŋ saɪz/</i>
medium-rare	<i>/,mi:diəm 'reə(r)/</i>
well-done	<i>/,wel 'dʌn/</i>
homemade	<i>/,həʊm'meɪd/</i>
seasonal dish	<i>/'si:zənəl dɪʃ/</i>
available today	<i>/ə'veɪləbəl tə'deɪ/</i>
sold out	<i>/səʊld aʊt/</i>
extra charge	<i>/'ekstrə tʃɑ:dʒ/</i>
recommendation	<i>/,rekəmen'deɪʃən/</i>
daily special	<i>/'deɪli 'speʃəl/</i>

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The starter section has soups and salads.

This dish is served with rice and sauce.

The fish is grilled, not fried.

It comes with a side dish of vegetables.

This soup contains seafood.

The sauce is spicy, but the dish is mild.

The chef's special is on the first page.

There is also a vegetarian option.

The description says it is roasted chicken.

Desserts are in a separate section.

This portion looks quite large.

The menu has vegan and seafood dishes.

The menu says this dish contains nuts.

I'm looking for something vegetarian.

This main course comes with potatoes.

The chef's special changes every day.

There is an extra charge for a side salad.

The dessert menu is on the last page.

This option is gluten-free and dairy-free.

The portion is big enough to share.

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