

## The cost of eating out

### Level

Pre-intermediate

### Tasks

- Deciding how often you eat out at a restaurant
- Completing the missing information in a table of survey results
- Reading an article about the cost of eating out
- Identifying words and phrases in the article from their definitions
- Discussing points arising from the article

### How to use the lesson

- 1 Tell students that this lesson is about eating out at a restaurant. Hand out the worksheet. Ask students to tick their answers. Students discuss their answers with a partner. Find out who eats out the most; find out if the company ever pays e.g. because they travel / they take out a client etc.
- 2 Check that students understand the term 'average'. Ask students to complete the two parts of the grid with the names of the three cities. Students can check their answers by scanning the article.

#### Answers

- (1) London – New York – Paris  
 (2) New York – Paris – London

- 3 Ask students read the whole article. Ask comprehension questions such as: why do restaurant owners charge high prices? What do the critics say? You may wish to look at useful vocabulary, such as: *can afford to / to charge / ingredients /criticism / fair*.
- 4 Ask students to identify the words and phrases in paragraph three from the definitions.

#### Answers

- (a) *expense account*    (b) *recession*    (c) *clientele*    (d) *rip-off*

- 5 Divide the class into groups and ask the students to discuss the questions. Monitor the discussions. Ask one student from each group to report back on any interesting ideas to the class. Encourage whole-class discussion. Finish the lesson by providing language feedback.

### Related websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

[http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk\\_news/story/0,,2167066,00.html](http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk_news/story/0,,2167066,00.html)

[http://www.forbes.com/travel/2005/10/12/restaurants-mostexpensive-world-cx\\_sb\\_1013feat\\_ls.html](http://www.forbes.com/travel/2005/10/12/restaurants-mostexpensive-world-cx_sb_1013feat_ls.html)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Restaurants>

<http://www.cityguide.travel-guides.com/city/94/restaurant/Europe/Paris.html>