

20 That's not right!

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Work with a partner. Look at the things you might say during a business lunch. In each pair of sentences, only one is correct. Score out the incorrect sentence each time. Then roleplay the three stages of the conversation with one of you reading the odd numbers and the other the even ones.

1A So, shall we take a drink at the bar while we wait for our table?	1B So, shall we have a drink at the bar while we wait for our table?
2A OK. Do you mind if I just have a mineral water?	2B OK. Do you care if I just have a mineral water?
3A Mineral water, sure. Gassy or flat?	3B Mineral water, sure. Still or sparkling?
4A On second thought, I'll have a martini.	4B On second thoughts, I'll have a martini.
5A Good idea. I think I'll join you.	5B Good idea. I think I'll copy you.
6A Great place, by the way. Do you go here often?	6B Great place, by the way. Do you come here often?
7A Quite often. Ah, looks like our table's ready. After you.	7B Quite often. Ah, looks like our table's ready. Behind you.
8A Wow! What a fantastic view of the city!	8B Wow! What a fantastic sight of the city!
9A Isn't it? Now, this is the main menu and those are the particulars.	9B Isn't it? Now, this is the main menu and those are the specials.
10A OK. So, what do you recommend?	10B OK. So, what do you guarantee?
11A Well, you could attempt the rabbit. That's very good here.	11B Well, you could try the rabbit. That's very good here.
12A Actually, I'm not that keen for rabbit.	12B Actually, I'm not that keen on rabbit.
13A Well, the veal is also a speciality.	13B Well, the veal is also a specialism.
14A Mmm, that sounds good.	14B Mmm, that sounds well.
15A So, are you ready to order?	15B So, are you ready to command?
16A Yeah, I'm going to have the fillet – I like a good bloody steak.	16B Yeah, I'm going to have the fillet – I like a good rare steak.
17A OK. And shall we have a bottle of red of the house?	17B OK. And shall we have a bottle of the house red?
18A A whole bottle? What about this afternoon's meeting?	18B A whole bottle? How about this afternoon's meeting?
19A Good point. Let's just have a pair of glasses, then.	19B Good point. Let's just have a couple of glasses, then.
20A Fine. Well, I think this morning's presentation went very well.	20B Fine. Well, I think this morning's presentation came very well.
21A Mmm, let's hope this afternoon is just as successful.	21B Mmm, let's hope this afternoon is just so successful.