

English on the air II

إنجليزي عَ الهواء II

Comprehension

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Today's Reading:

- Daniel 1: 8-16: But Daniel determined that he would not defile himself by eating the king's food or drinking his wine, so he asked the head of the palace staff to exempt him from the royal diet. The head of the palace staff, by God's grace, liked Daniel, but he warned him, "I'm afraid of what my master the king will do. He is the one who assigned this diet and if he sees that you are not as healthy as the rest, he'll have my head!" But Daniel appealed to a steward who had been assigned by the head of the palace staff to be in charge of Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah:

Today's Reading:

- “Try us out for ten days on a simple diet of vegetables and water. Then compare us with the young men who eat from the royal menu. Make your decision on the basis of what you see.” The steward agreed to do it and fed them vegetables and water for ten days. At the end of the ten days they looked better and more robust than all the others who had been eating from the royal menu. So the steward continued to exempt them from the royal menu of food and drink and served them only vegetables.

Vocabulary

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At the Restaurant

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Booking a table:

- Do you have any free tables?

A table for ..., please.

- I'd like to make a reservation.

I'd like to book a table, please.

- When for? For what time?

- This evening at ...

Tomorrow at ...

- For how many people?

- Do you have a reservation?

- I've got a reservation.

Ordering the meal:

- Could I see the menu, please?
- Can I get you any drinks?
Are you ready to order?
- Do you have any specials?
- What's the soup of the day?
What do you recommend?
What's this dish?
- I'm on a diet.
- I'm allergic to ...
- I'm a vegetarian.
- I don't eat ...
- I'll have the ... / I'll take this.

Ordering the meal:

- Is that all?

Would you like anything else?

- Nothing else, thank you.

- We're in a hurry, how long will it take?

- It'll take about twenty minutes.

Grammar

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Pronouns

- A pronoun is a word that is used instead of a noun. For example "*Lisa is a nice girl.*"
- You could replace the noun "Lisa" with the word "She" and get the following sentence: "*She is a nice girl.*" "She" is a pronoun.
- Example sentences:
He doesn't want go with them.
Would they help us?
His house is bigger than ours.

Pronouns

- The word "pronoun" comes from "pro" (in the meaning of "substitute") + "noun."
- Types of Pronouns: **personal pronouns**, demonstrative pronouns, interrogative pronouns, possessive pronouns, relative pronouns, reflexive pronouns, intensive pronouns, reciprocal pronouns and indefinite pronouns.
- **Personal pronouns** represent people or things. The personal pronouns are: *I, you, he, she, it, we, they, me, him, her, us, them.*

Idioms:

Idiom	Meaning
Hot potato	- A question or argument that is controversial and difficult to settle: <i>The issue of building a plant in the neighborhood is a hot potato for the town council.</i>
Pie in the sky	- An idea or plan that you think will never happen: <i>My cousin's plans are usually pie in the sky and will never happen.</i>
Eat humble pie	- To be humbled, to admit one's error and apologize: <i>Our boss was forced to eat humble pie after he made the wrong budget estimate for next year.</i>

Idioms:

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In a nutshell	- Briefly, in a few words: <i>We went to the meeting and they told us in a nutshell about the plans for our company.</i>
Bear fruit	- To yield or give results: <i>The woman's hard work at her business finally began to bear fruit when she started to make money.</i>
You can't make an omelet without breaking the eggs	- You cannot do something without causing some problems or having some effects: <i>"You can't make an omelet without breaking the eggs and if you want to change the work schedules, then you are going to cause problems."</i>