OPIc Daily Practice - Lesson 15

Restaurants & Dining Out · 2026-10-09 · Goal: AL · Difficulty 6-6

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Q1 평소 루틴 → Q2 과거 경험 → Q3 변화와 비교 → Q4 Role-play 순서로 연습합니다. 각 답변은 IL → IM → IH → AL 순서로 디테일과 연결성을 높입니다.

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Q1 - General / Routine

Tell me about eating out. What kinds of restaurants do you usually go to, who do you go with, and what do you usually order?

전략

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IL

I eat out with my family sometimes. We usually go to a Korean restaurant or a casual restaurant. We order a few dishes and share them. I like eating out because it is convenient.

IM

I usually eat out with my family on weekends. We often choose a Korean restaurant or a casual place near home. We usually order a few dishes to share, and sometimes we try something new. I enjoy eating out because nobody has to cook or clean up afterward.

IH

I eat out with my family fairly often, especially on weekends when we want an easy meal. We usually choose a restaurant that is convenient to reach and has several dishes everyone can enjoy. We tend to order a main dish and a couple of side dishes to share, and my family sometimes tries a new menu item. I like eating out because we can focus on talking and spending time together instead of preparing the meal.

AL

Eating out is something my family does from time to time, usually on weekends or after a particularly busy week. We normally look for a place that is easy to reach, has reliable reviews, and offers enough variety for everyone. Instead of ordering completely separate meals, we often choose several dishes and share them, which makes the meal feel more relaxed and gives us a chance to try different things. I also like discovering a new restaurant once in a while, but for a quick family dinner I tend to prefer familiar places because the service is predictable and we can simply enjoy our time together.

Key Expressions

eat out with my family · choose a convenient place · order a few dishes to share · try something different

Q2 - Past Experience

Tell me about a memorable experience you had at a restaurant. What happened, and why do you remember it?

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IL

I went to a restaurant with my family for a special dinner. It was very crowded. We waited for a table, but the staff was kind. The food was good, so we had a nice time.

IM

A few months ago, my family and I went to a popular restaurant for a special dinner. We had a reservation, but the restaurant was very crowded and our table was not ready. We waited for about twenty minutes. The staff apologized and gave us a better table, so the evening ended well.

IH

A few months ago, my family and I went to a popular restaurant to celebrate a special occasion. I had made a reservation in advance, but when we arrived, the place was much busier than expected and our table was still occupied. At first I was a little disappointed because we had arrived on time. The staff apologized, offered us a place to wait, and later moved us to a quieter table. The food and service were excellent after that, so the delay did not ruin the evening.

AL

One restaurant experience that stands out happened a few months ago when my family went out for a special dinner. I had booked a table in advance because the restaurant was known to be busy, so I expected everything to go smoothly. When we arrived, however, our table was still being used and the waiting area was already full. I was frustrated at first, but the staff handled the situation professionally, kept us updated, and eventually offered us a quieter table in a better location. Once we sat down, the meal was excellent and everyone relaxed. Looking back, I remember the evening not because of the delay itself, but because a potentially disappointing situation turned out much better than expected.

Key Expressions

make a reservation · be fully booked · recommend another table · turn out better than expected

Q3 - Change / Comparison

How has the way you choose restaurants or eat out changed compared with the past?

전략

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IL

In the past, I chose restaurants without much information. Now I check reviews online. I also look at the menu before I go. It is easier to choose a good restaurant now.

IM

In the past, I often chose a restaurant because someone recommended it or because it was nearby. These days, I check online reviews, photos, and the menu first. If the restaurant is popular, I also make a reservation. This saves time and helps me avoid a long wait.

IH

The way I choose restaurants has changed quite a bit. In the past, I usually relied on recommendations from friends or simply went to a familiar place. These days, I compare reviews, photos, menus, and parking information before deciding. For popular restaurants, I try to reserve a table in advance. Because of that, I waste less time waiting and I am less likely to choose a place that does not suit my family.

AL

Choosing a restaurant is much more deliberate for me now than it was in the past. Years ago, I mostly relied on word of mouth or picked a place that happened to be nearby, so the experience could be unpredictable. These days, I usually check recent reviews, menu photos, opening hours, and practical details such as parking or reservation availability before we leave. If the restaurant is especially popular, I book a table ahead of time rather than hoping there will be space. I still enjoy being spontaneous occasionally, but having better information means we spend less time waiting and have a much better chance of choosing a place everyone will enjoy.

Key Expressions

compared with the past · check reviews online · make a reservation in advance · avoid a long wait

Q4 - Role - play

You made a dinner reservation for your family, but the restaurant says there is a problem with your reservation. Call the restaurant, explain the situation, ask at least three questions, and arrange an alternative.

전략

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IL

Hello. I have a dinner reservation for my family, but I heard there is a problem. Is there another time available? Can we get another table? How long is the wait? Please change our reservation if possible.

IM

Hello, I have a reservation for dinner tonight, but I was told there is a problem with the booking. Is there another time available this evening? Do you have a different table for three people? If not, how long would we have to wait? I would like to move the reservation to a later time if possible.

IH

Hello, I am calling about a dinner reservation for my family tonight. I booked a table for three, but I was just told that there is a problem with the reservation. Do you have another table available around the same time? If not, what is the earliest time you can seat us? How long would the wait be if we came at the original time? I would prefer to move the reservation a little later rather than cancel it completely. Could you confirm the new time for me?

AL

Hello, I am calling about a dinner reservation I made for my family tonight. The reservation is for three people, but I was just notified that there is a problem with the booking. Could you check whether another table is available around our original time? If everything is full, what is the earliest alternative time you can offer? Also, if we arrive at the original time, approximately how long would the wait be? I would rather adjust the schedule than cancel the dinner, so if you have a table about an hour later, that would work for us. Great, please move our reservation to that time and keep it for three people. Could you confirm the new reservation before we hang up?

Key Expressions

I have a reservation under my name · Is there another time available? · How long is the wait? · Could you confirm the new reservation?

Final Review

Q1은 장르 · 시간 · 장소 · 이유, Q2는 시간 순서 · 반응 · 의미, Q3는 과거 · 현재 · 결과, Role - play는 문제 설명 · 질문 세 개 이상 · 대안 · 최종 확인을 포함합니다.

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