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## A favourite restaurant

### Teacher's notes

#### Summary

This DVD programme is an illustration of an anecdote and could be used to support the topic of restaurants in Unit 2 of the Student's Book in the following places:

- before the anecdote on page 19 to enrich the students' vocabulary and act as a model.
- after the students have given their anecdote, as a model for comparison.

Two people talk about their favourite restaurants. One talks about a traditional English restaurant, the other describes a trendy restaurant specialising in modern European cuisine.

#### Language focus

Vocabulary: *chill out, get merry, hen night, stack*  
Words to describe restaurants

#### Background information

During the programme Ronald says that he particularly enjoys traditional roast Sunday dinners. These usually include roast beef, roast potatoes, two other kinds of vegetable, gravy and Yorkshire pudding. Similar meals are served with roast pork, roast lamb or roast chicken.

The word *pudding* has a number of meanings, some of which are mentioned in the programme. *Yorkshire pudding* is a mixture of milk, eggs and flour which is roasted in the oven. *Steak and kidney pudding* is like a pie, made with soft pastry, and *sponge pudding* is a dessert which is served with custard.

#### Procedure

##### Before you watch

- 1 Ask the students to read the restaurant review and answer the questions.

- a) Med Bar is influenced by the Mediterranean and southern Europe.
- b) A *tomato and brie stack* is layered roast tomatoes and soft French cheese (brie).
- c) A *hen night* is the party given for the bride-to-be before her marriage. It is attended by the bride's female friends only.
- d) *Chill out* means to relax, *get merry* is to get slightly drunk.

- 2 Refer the students to the pictures of Ronald and Claire and elicit what kind of people the students think they are (from their dress,

appearance and age). Ask the students to discuss in pairs which of the preferences they think each of the speakers will have. The students will be able to check their predictions as they watch; there is no need to check answers with the class at this stage.

Ronald prefers a formal atmosphere, traditional English food, meat and red wine.  
Claire prefers an informal atmosphere, modern European food, vegetables and white wine.

##### While you watch

###### PART 1 (00:00:00–00:02:46)

- 3 Ask the students to read the questions. Play Part 1 of the programme. Tell the students to tick the questions that Ronald answers.

Ask the students if their predictions in Exercise 2 about Ronald were correct.

Ronald answers questions a, c, d, f, g, i, j

- 4 Ask the students to work in pairs again and recall Ronald's answers. You could then tell the students to watch the programme again and check if there are any they couldn't remember the answers to.

- a) *Can you describe your favourite restaurant?*  
An old water mill in the country.
- c) *When was the first time you came?*  
On his birthday.
- d) *When was the last time you came?*  
On their anniversary.
- f) *What's your favourite dish?*  
Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, Brussels sprouts, gravy and stodgy English pudding.

- g) *What do you order at other times?*  
Steak and kidney pudding, steak, baked salmon, fish and chips.
- i) *What do you enjoy most about it?*  
The atmosphere.
- j) *Would you recommend it?*  
Yes.

- 5 Ask the students to try to complete the sentences before they watch Part 1 again, or ask them to read through the sentences first in preparation for watching. Check the answers with the whole class.

- a) in the heart of
- b) much to my surprise
- c) remember it very fondly
- d) stodgy
- e) no other place like
- f) would recommend

Note: The expression *like that* is sometimes followed by the speaker clicking his or her fingers. It means *instantly*.

#### PART 2 (00:02:47–00:04:34)

- 6 Ask the students to read the sentences. Play Part 2 of the programme. Tell the students to decide whether the statements are true or false.

Ask the students if their predictions in Exercise 2 about Claire were correct.

- a) True      c) False      e) True
- b) False     d) True        f) False

- 7 Ask the students to work in pairs again and to correct the statements in Exercise 6 that are false.

- b) The first time she went was with a friend.
- c) There isn't a wide choice of vegetarian dishes.
- f) The next time she goes to the restaurant will be for a hen night.

- 8 Ask the students to try to complete the sentences before they watch the programme again, or ask them to read through the sentences first in preparation for watching. Play Part 2. Check the answers with the whole class.

- a) found out about
- b) got quite merry
- c) being a vegetarian
- d) chill out
- e) hen night
- f) go on to

## After you watch

- 9 Ask the students to describe the restaurants in pairs. Ensure that they know the meanings of all the words in the box. Get feedback from the class at the end of the discussion.
- 10 Put the students into groups to discuss the questions. Ask a few groups to report back to the class on anything interesting from their discussions.

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*DVD script (04:34)*

### Ronald

This is my favourite restaurant. We're right in the heart of the countryside here, right by an old mill stream and in fact this restaurant is called The Mill because it actually was an old water mill, then it became a pub and now it's this lovely restaurant you see behind me.

I first came to this restaurant, actually it was a surprise, my wife brought me here for the first time on my birthday and we sat down and had a lovely meal, and much to my surprise, at the end of the meal suddenly a waiter turned up with a birthday cake. There was a candle burning in the centre and suddenly all these waiters appeared from nowhere and they were banging saucepan lids together and singing 'Happy Birthday to you'. It was a bit embarrassing but I have to admit I was very thrilled. The last time we came to this restaurant was in fact our anniversary. We had a lovely meal that night and it was particularly romantic. I remember it very fondly.

Oh, my favourite dish has to be on a Sunday when they do the, er, roast dinners. I'm particularly fond of the roast beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, Brussels sprouts, lovely brown gravy on the top and then to finish off, a lovely stodgy, sweet English cooked pudding.

Oh, other times, I love everything on this menu but I like the steak and kidney pudding with gravy and vegetables and potatoes. I love the steak, the baked salmon, the fish and chips, which my wife is having this evening, everything really.

I think the thing that I enjoy the most about this restaurant is the atmosphere. This is the place where I come for special occasions with my wife and I bring my special friends here as well so this place has its own particular personal history for me and there's no other place like it.

Oh, I would recommend this restaurant to my friends like that. In fact, I've brought most of my friends here at one time or another and in fact I suppose if I haven't brought you to this restaurant, you're not really one of my close friends.

### Claire

This is my favourite restaurant. It's the Slug and Lettuce. I first found out about it through my friend last year. We came here to celebrate her birthday. There were about eight of us here for dinner and we had lots of wine and got quite merry. I've been here lots of times since, sometimes for lunch and also in the evenings, to come here for a drink after work. They serve modern European cuisine here and they've got a really good choice of food, although being a vegetarian I'd prefer them to have more choice for people like me. The specials that I love are the wild mushroom creamy risotto but I also like the Portobello mushroom, roast tomato and brie stack, which I'm going to have later today.

I love the atmosphere here, they play excellent music and they've got some really good sofas to chill out on, which I like to do with my friends. On Friday nights it gets quite busy so we normally come here for a few drinks and then go on to somewhere else.

I'm coming back here next Thursday as it's my best friend's hen night. There are about ten of us that are going to come and we're going to order a bottle of champagne, have a few drinks and then go on to a salsa club for a bit of dancing. I'm really looking forward to it. It should be a good night.