

Unit 17 — Common Phrases II: The Restaurant

Are you paying together or separately?

a question asked by waitstaff to check if customers are paying as one group, or splitting the bill equally

"Are you paying together or separately? I can split the bill three-ways if you'd like."

Can I close out your tab?

an American English question, commonly asked in bars, which means to finalize an order and pay the bill

"The waitress told the man at the bar: "I can close out your tab whenever you're ready, Sir.""

Can I get you another round of drinks?

a casual question asked by servers and bartenders when the guests' glasses are empty or nearly empty

"The waiter asked: "Can I get you folks another round of drinks?" The customer responded: "No thanks, we just need the check please.""

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