

## FAST FOOD — TRANSCRIPT AND NOTES

### DIALOGUE

**Server:** Hi, welcome to McBurger. What can I get you today?

**Customer:** Can I have a double cheeseburger<sup>1</sup> with fries<sup>2</sup>, please?

**Server:** Sure<sup>3</sup>. Would you like anything to drink?

**Customer:** Yes, I'll<sup>4</sup> have a large Coke<sup>5</sup>, please.

**Server:** Will that be all?

**Customer:** Yes, thank you. How much do I owe<sup>6</sup> you?

**Server:** That comes to \$5.50<sup>7</sup>.

**Customer:** Here you are<sup>8</sup>.

**Server:** Thank you. Have a nice day<sup>9</sup>.

### LISTENING

Fast food restaurants<sup>10</sup> are very popular with people who are in a hurry<sup>11</sup>, or who don't want to spend a lot of money.

The fast food industry used to be<sup>12</sup> dominated by hamburgers<sup>13</sup>, but these days it's possible to find fast food chains<sup>14</sup> specializing in many other types of food such as<sup>15</sup> pizza<sup>16</sup>, pasta<sup>17</sup>, chicken, or fish.

Although most fast food restaurants have seats for their customers, you will usually have to queue<sup>18</sup> to place your order<sup>19</sup> at the counter. Of course, many customers take their food away<sup>20</sup> with them to eat elsewhere, and some fast food restaurants also have a drive-through<sup>21</sup> service for motorists.

Despite<sup>22</sup> having a reputation for serving unhealthy food, most fast food restaurants now offer healthy options such as salads or fresh fruit.

In spite of<sup>22</sup> their recent difficulties, it looks like fast food restaurants are here to stay.

### QUESTIONS

How often do you eat in fast food restaurants?

What is your favourite fast food restaurant and why?

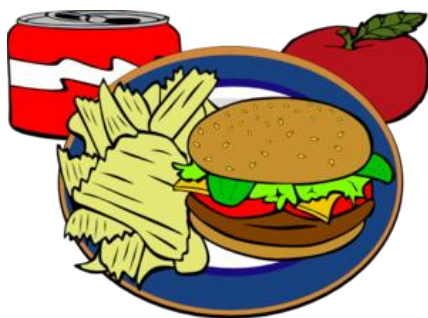
What is your least favorite fast food restaurant and why?

Why have fast food restaurants been so successful?

Would you like to work in a fast food restaurant?

## LANGUAGE NOTES

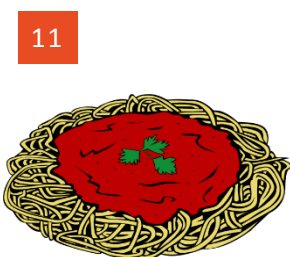
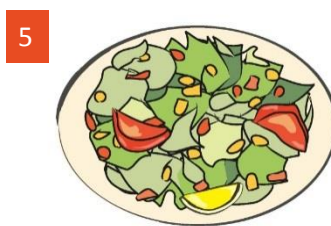
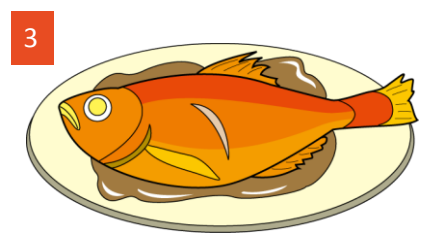
1. A **cheeseburger** is a hamburger topped with a slice of cheese. A **double cheeseburger** has two patties of meat. **Burger** is short for hamburger, which, despite the name, is not made with ham but beef.
2. **Fries** are **French fries** (=long thin pieces of potato cooked in hot oil). In Britain, they are often called **chips**.
3. **Sure** is used for saying yes or for agreeing to something: *'Can I borrow the car?' 'Sure, no problem.'*
4. **I'll have** (a contraction of 'I will have') is an expression used when ordering food or drink: *I'll have the fish.*
5. Coca-Cola is often referred to as **Coke**: *I'd like a Diet Coke, please.*
6. If you **owe** someone money, you have to give them a particular amount of money because you have bought something from them or have borrowed money from them: *John still owes me £10 for that meal.*
7. **\$5.50** can be said in different ways: *five dollars and fifty cents, five dollars fifty, or just five fifty.*
8. **Here you are** is an expression used when giving something to someone.
9. **Have a nice day** is an expression often used by American service employees at the end of a transaction. The phrase is not generally used in Europe, as some find it artificial or even offensive.
10. **Fast food restaurants** are typically part of a restaurant chain or franchise operation.
11. If you are **in a hurry**, you need to go somewhere or do something quickly. Note that 'hurry' is a noun here—you cannot say *'We are very hurry'*. However, 'hurry' can be a verb: *We have to hurry, or we'll miss the bus.*
12. **Used to** ['ju:st tu:] is used to talk about something that happened regularly in the past, but does not happen now: *I used to play golf at the weekend, but I don't have time for it now.*
13. The term **hamburger** originally comes from Hamburg, Germany's second largest city.
14. A **chain** is a group of businesses such as shops, hotels, or restaurants that all belong to the same person or company: *Ibis is a French hotel chain.*
15. **Such as** is a phrase used to introduce examples of the thing just mentioned: *He likes watching team sports such as football and cricket.*
16. **Pizza** is one of those words (like 'cake' and 'beer') which can be countable or uncountable depending on the meaning: *I ate too much pizza (U) last night. I ate six pizzas (C) last week.*
17. **Pasta** is always uncountable: *Ravioli and spaghetti are types of pasta. Pasta is my favourite dish.*
18. **Queue** can be a verb or noun: *The queue was too long. The English love to queue.* Americans use 'line' and 'wait in line': *We had to wait in line to pay.*
19. **Order** can be a verb or noun: *Are you ready to order (v.)? May I take your order (n.)?*
20. A **takeaway** is a meal that you buy in a restaurant or shop and take home to eat. The American word is **takeout**. The word 'takeaway' can also be used to refer to the restaurant itself: *There's a good Chinese takeaway near where I live.*
21. In American English the spelling is **drive-thru**.
22. **Despite** and **In spite of** mean the same thing and can be followed by a noun or gerund — never by an infinitive or a verb clause: *Despite their recent difficulties ... In spite of having problems ... but not ~~Despite they have...~~*



# FAST FOOD — WORKSHEET

## A. MATCH THE WORDS WITH THE PICTURES

cheeseburger    fries    pizza    restaurant    drive-through    chicken    salad  
 fish    queue    healthy    pasta    customer    fries    counter    Coke



## B. CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Fast food restaurants are very popular with (1) *people/peoples* who are in a hurry, or who (2) *don't/doesn't* want to spend a lot of money.

The fast food industry used to be (3) *dominated/dominating* by hamburgers, but it is now possible to find fast food chains specializing (4) *on/in* many other types of food such (5) *as/like* pizza, pasta, chicken, or fish.

(6) *However/Although* most fast food restaurants have (7) *seats/sits* for their customers, you will generally (8) *have/must* to queue to (9) *put/place* your order at the counter. Of course, many customers take their food (10) *away/off* with them to eat elsewhere. Some fast food restaurants even (11) *have/having* a drive-through service for motorists.

Despite (12) *having/to have* a reputation for serving unhealthy food, most fast food restaurants now offer healthy options such as salads or fresh fruit.

In spite (13) *on/of* their recent difficulties, it looks (14) *like/as* fast food restaurants are here to stay.

## ANSWER KEY

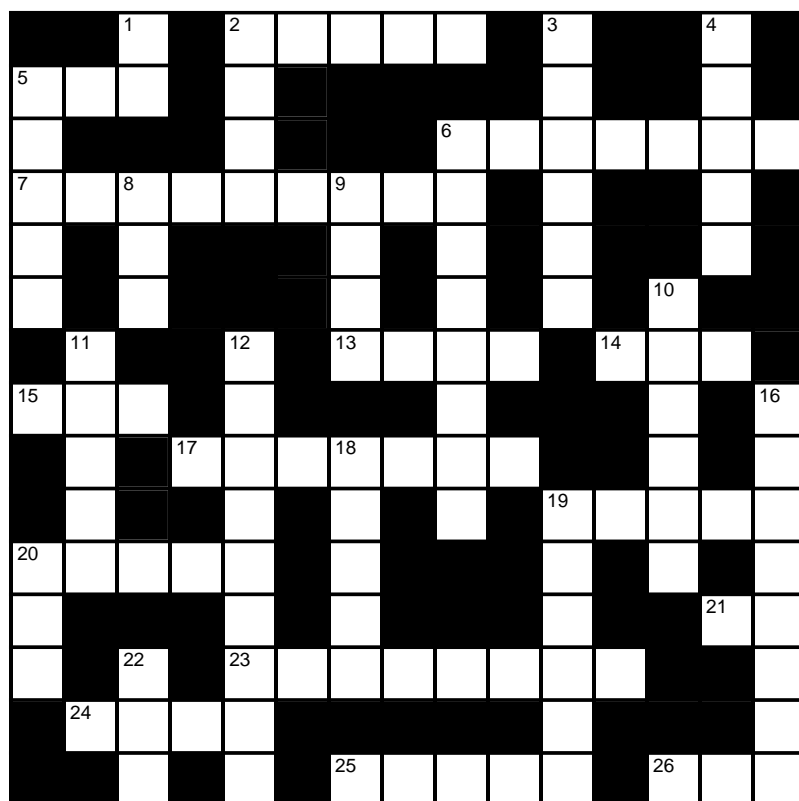
### A. MATCH THE WORDS AND PICTURES

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| 1. healthy    | 8. customer      |
| 2. counter    | 9. drive-through |
| 3. fish       | 10. fries        |
| 4. restaurant | 11. pasta        |
| 5. salad      | 12. coke         |
| 6. queue      | 13. cheeseburger |
| 7. chicken    | 14. pizza        |

### B. CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

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| 1. people    | 8. have    |
| 2. don't     | 9. place   |
| 3. dominated | 10. away   |
| 4. in        | 11. have   |
| 5. as        | 12. having |
| 6. Although  | 13. of     |
| 7. seats     | 14. like   |

# FAST FOOD — CROSSWORD



Web Version

**Across**

- 2 Group of restaurants owned by the same company (5)
- 5 In the US they say take \_\_\_\_ instead of take away (3)
- 6 Where you order and pay (7)
- 7 Fast food service for car drivers (5-4)
- 13 Wendy's is an American fast \_\_\_\_ restaurant (4)
- 14 Pizza \_\_\_\_ is an international fast food franchise (3)
- 15 Money given for good service (3)

- 17 The 'C' in KFC (7)
- 19 To use money to pay for things (5)
- 20 Spaghetti, ravioli, and lasagne are types of \_\_\_\_ (5)
- 21 Fast food is not \_\_\_\_ popular as it was (2)
- 23 The opposite of 'eat in' (4,4)
- 24 Not meat (4)
- 25 French chips? (5)
- 26 You have to \_\_\_\_ when you order (3)

**Down**

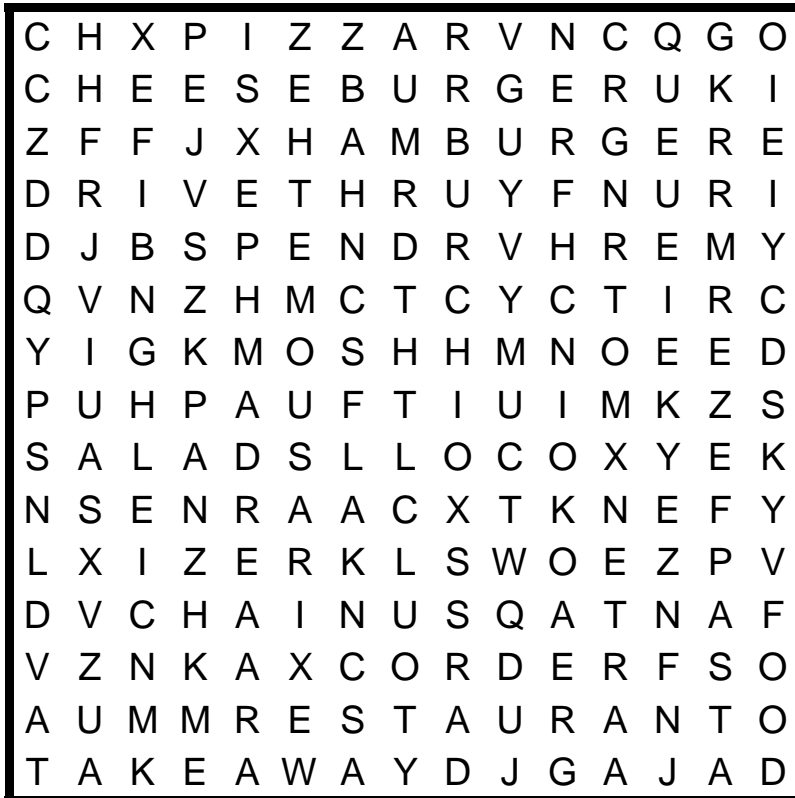
- 1 Let's eat \_\_\_\_ McDonald's (2)
- 2 Also known as Coca-Cola (4)
- 3 A \_\_\_\_ cheeseburger has two slices of cheese (6)
- 4 To wait in line (5)
- 5 The server took our \_\_\_\_ (5)
- 6 The \_\_\_\_ is always right! (8)
- 8 Would you like \_\_\_\_ in your drink? (3)
- 9 A \_\_\_\_ -pounder is a giant burger (4)

- 10 \_\_\_\_ King is a global fast food chain (6)
- 11 Fast food of Italian origin (5)
- 12 Not good for you (9)
- 16 The US fast food \_\_\_\_ is worth over \$100bn (8)
- 18 American English for 'bill' (5)
- 19 Healthy alternative to burgers (6)
- 20 In Britain you can eat fast food in a \_\_\_\_ (3)
- 22 Where shall we \_\_\_\_? (3)

# SOLUTION

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# FAST FOOD — WORD SEARCH



Web Version

- |              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Chain        | Industry   |
| Cheeseburger | Order      |
| Chicken      | Pasta      |
| Coke         | Pizza      |
| Counter      | Queue      |
| Customer     | Restaurant |
| Drive-thru   | Salads     |
| Fish         | Spend      |
| Food         | Take away  |
| Fries        | Unhealthy  |
| Hamburger    |            |

**SOLUTION**

