

You are going to watch Ronald and Claire talking about their favourite restaurants.

PART 1:

TASK 1: Tick the questions Ronald answers.

A.	Can you describe your favourite restaurant?
B.	How expensive is it?
C.	What do you enjoy most about it?
D.	What is the chef's speciality?
E.	What's your favourite dish?
F.	What do you order at other times?
G.	When are you coming next?
H.	When was the first time you came?
I.	When was the last time you came?
J.	Would you recommend it?

TASK 2: Complete the extracts:

0. The restaurant is in the HEART of the countryside.

1. This restaurant was an old _____ .

2. When he first went to this restaurant, the waiters started _____ lids.

3. He's very fond of roast beef, _____ sprouts, with _____ on top.

4. He loves the baked _____ , the fish and chips...

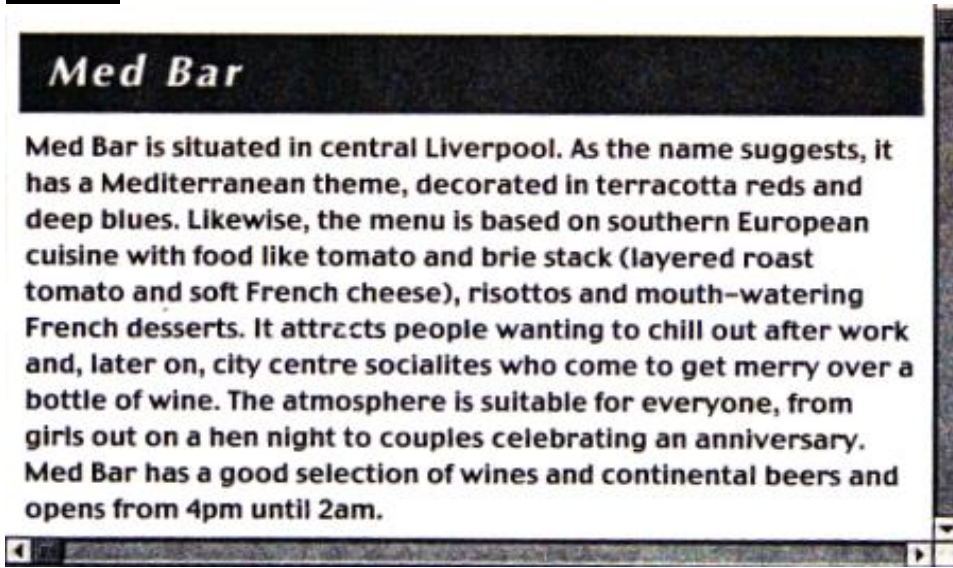
5. This is the place where he comes for _____ .

PART 2:

TASK 1: Which of the following statements are true?

A.	The first time she went to this restaurant was with her boyfriend.		
B.	That first time they got tipsy.		
C.	There is a wide choice of vegetarian dishes.		
D.	Claire will have a mushroom and brie stack later.		
E.	There is live music.		
F.	Claire is coming back for her hen night.		

TASK 2: Read the restaurant review:



Now describe a restaurant you like. Talk about its location, decoration and atmosphere (lively, busy, noisy, romantic, elegant, exclusive), menu and wine list (varied, traditional, fresh, good-quality, tasty, beautifully prepared, light/ stodgy = heavy...), usual visitors, service, prices (reasonable, economical, pricey)...

Use some of the following adjectives:

informal / formal
urban / countrified
well-designed = sophisticated / down-to-earth (=practical)
stuffy (=does not have enough fresh air in it) / airy (=has plenty of fresh air)
old-fashioned / modern
traditional / trendy (=fashionable)
fancy = classy (=expensive and fashionable)
intimate (=private and friendly so that you feel comfortable)
comfortable
spacious

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PART 1:

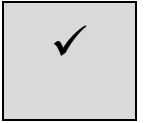
TASK 1:

A.	Can you describe your favourite restaurant? → 1 (an old water mill in the country)
B.	How expensive is it?
C.	What do you enjoy most about it? → 6 (the atmosphere)
D.	What is the chef's speciality?
E.	What's your favourite dish? → 4 (roast dinners on Sundays: roast beef with Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, Brussels sprouts, gravy, and pudding for dessert)
F.	What do you order at other times? → 5 (steak and kidney pudding with gravy, vegetables and potatoes; baked salmon; fish and chips)
G.	When are you coming next?
H.	When was the first time you came? → 2 (on his birthday)
I.	When was the last time you came? → 3 (On his and his wife's anniversary)
J.	Would you recommend it? → 7 (yes, to his friends)

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TASK 2:

0. The restaurant is in the HEART of the countryside.



1. This restaurant was an old MILL.



2. When he first went to this restaurant, the waiters started BANGING SAUCEPAN lids.



3. He's very fond of roast beef, BRUSSELS sprouts, with GRAVY on top.



4. He loves the baked SALMON, the fish and chips...



5. This is the place where he comes for SPECIAL OCCASIONS.



PART 2:

TASK 1:

A.	The first time she went to this restaurant was with her boyfriend. <u>False, with her friend to celebrate her friend's birthday.</u>		
B.	That first time they got tipsy. <u>True, they got "quite merry".</u>	X	
C.	There is a wide choice of vegetarian dishes. <u>False, she would prefer them to have more choice for vegetarians.</u>		
D.	Claire will have a mushroom and brie stack later. <u>True, also roast tomato.</u>	X	
E.	There is live music. <u>False, they "play excellent music".</u>		
F.	Claire is coming back for her hen night. <u>False, for her best friend's hen night.</u>		

Transcript:
PART 1:

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.

PART 2:

Claire

This is my favourite restaurant. It's the Slug and Lettuce. I first found 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.

Source: New Inside Out. Advanced. (video 2).

Time: 4:30 minutes.