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C:\Users\whaleym\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\32WC6X85\MC900411914[1].wmf A necessary skill for any student of a modern language is to be able to communicate basic needs in the target language. When visiting a foreign culture, one can expect to dine in a local ***restaurante*** or ***cafetería***. To order food, travelers will most likely have to communicate with waiters or waitresses in the language of that country. Never assume that employees will automatically speak English. If you want to experience the true culture, be prepared to walk into a ***restaurante***, order from a ***menú***, and correctly pay for a meal knowing if ***el servicio está incluido***.

**TASK:** Students will work in groups of 3 or 4 to act out a scene at a Spanish restaurant. You will develop a conversation based on the guided situation listed below. As you develop your skit, do not “script” the scene word-for-word. Prepare orally and be ready to improvise if someone should forget a line! Have fun!! ☺

Situation for skit:

* Two or three friend have just met for lunch at a sidewalk café in Madrid (greet using typical Spanish greetings: handshakes / ***abrazos*** / ***besitos***)
* Have a brief conversation – school, classes, teachers/ weather / family / friends / etc. (be sure to use at least 5 regular –***ar / -er / -ir*** verbs in your conversation).
* The waiter or waitress greets the friends and shows them to an open table.
* Menus are given to the customers
* The waiter/waitress leaves. The friends browse the menu and discuss whether or not they are hungry/thirsty and the foods/drinks on the menu that they are going to eat/drink.
* The waiter returns to take the customers’ orders.
* The group waits and chats briefly while the waiter prepares the orders (invent something creative to talk about during this time. Be sure to use infinitive expressions… ***ir a inf., tener que inf., acabar de inf***.)
* The waiter returns with the order, but s/he has made some sort of mistake (customers must convey to the waiter what is wrong).
* One customer asks for the bill; another asks if the tip is included.
* One customer pays for the meal.
* The friends realize that they are late and tell each other what they **have to do**.