

AFARINESH IELTS Radio – Podcast 30

Describe a restaurant that you enjoyed going to.

You should say:

- where the restaurant was
- why you chose this restaurant
- what type of food you ate in this restaurant

and explain why you enjoyed eating in this restaurant.

All right, so, the thing is I **eat out** more often than not. People keep telling me that it's **unwholesome**, you know like the food they serve you at **joints** and restaurants but I keep **hitting** them nonstop. Anyways, **the bottom line** is, no one has ever managed to **talk me out it**. This place we went to once, u know, a couple of **buddies** of mine and I, is called Gloria. It is located somewhere near downtown. Anyways, It was the first time I'd seen **Sloppy Joes** on a menu and I was like oh my goodness, I gotta be dreaming or something. When it comes to eating, I can't simply **strike a happy medium**, you know I either **pork out** or don't eat at all. So I ordered 3 sloppy joes. Anyhow, let me tell you a little about the **ambience**. Having been to numerous restaurants, I could easily tell the good and bad ones apart. As a matter of fact, Gloria was **second to none**, you know what I'm saying, everything was **spick and span** and the things were in order. One thing I liked most about this place was that, I didn't have to **drool over** people having their meals while I had to wait for some 20 minutes or so to finally get my food. The waiters were all quite busy and ready to take and bring your order right away. The food was also **out of this world**.

Language focus

Eat out

to eat in a restaurant instead of at home:

Do you eat out a lot?

Unwholesome

not characterized by or conducive to health or moral well-being.

"the use of the living room as sleeping quarters led to unwholesome crowding"

Joint

a bar or restaurant that serves food and drink at low prices:

We had lunch at a hamburger joint and then went to see a movie.

Hit somewhere

to reach a place, especially on your way to somewhere else

When you hit the traffic lights, turn left.

The bottom line

used to tell someone what the most important part of a situation is, or what the most important thing to consider is:

In radio, you have to keep the listener listening. That's the bottom line.

Talk sb out of sth

to persuade someone not to do something:

Her parents tried to talk her out of getting engaged.

Buddy

a friend: We're good buddies.

Sloppy joe

A sloppy joe is a sandwich consisting of ground beef or pork, onions, tomato sauce or ketchup, Worcestershire sauce, and other seasonings, served on a hamburger bun.

Strike a happy medium

to find a compromise position; to arrive at a position halfway between two unacceptable extremes.

Pork out

To eat (a specific thing) gluttonously or to excess.

Once a month, my friends and I get together and pork out on pizza and watch cheesy horror movies.

Ambience

the qualities and character of a particular place and the way these make you feel

SYN atmosphere

pleasant/relaxing/friendly etc ambience

The restaurant's new owners have created a welcoming ambience.

Second to none

to be the best:

The quality of Britain's overseas aid programme is second to none.

Spick and span

a room, house etc that is spick and span is completely clean and tidy SYN immaculate

Drool over

to envy or desire someone or something. (Alludes to drooling from hunger.)

The boys stood there, drooling over the fancy sports car.

Out of this world

extremely good, enjoyable etc:

The graphics and sounds are out of this world.