

LESSON 4

READ ABOUT UNIQUE RESTAURANTS



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Have you ever eaten dinner while hanging 160 feet above the ground?

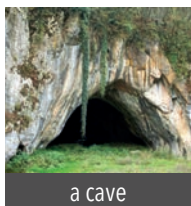
1 BEFORE YOU READ

- A PAIRS** Where is the most interesting or unique restaurant you have ever visited? Discuss.

I once ate at a restaurant under the ocean...



- B VOCABULARY** ▶ 06-19 Listen. Then listen and repeat.



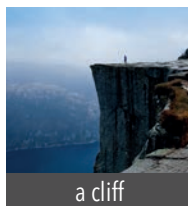
a cave



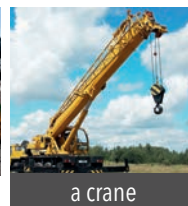
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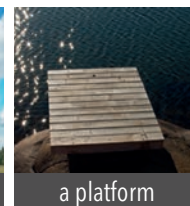
limestone



a cliff



a crane



a platform

2 READ

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- A PREVIEW** Look at the title and photograph. What do you think the article is about?

- B** ▶ 06-20 Listen. Read the article.

WHERE ON EARTH?

Restaurants are all about food, right? Well, not always. Sometimes, we go to restaurants because of *where they are*, rather than *what they serve*. Have you ever eaten dinner under the sea? How about in a cave?

- 5 Or up in the sky? Well, there are restaurants in all of those places!

Under the Sea

- Imagine eating dinner in the ocean! There are several underwater restaurants, but the most famous is called 10 Ithaa. It's located in the Maldives, which are islands south of India. The whole restaurant is 16 feet below sea level! The walls and ceiling are made of glass so you can view the ocean's wildlife all around you while you eat! It's been called the "most beautiful restaurant 15 in the world."

In a Cave

- What about eating dinner underground? In Polignano a Mare, Italy, there is a restaurant, Grotta Palazzese, that was built inside a cave. The walls of the cave are 20 made of limestone, and the cave is lit by lanterns and candles. The cave is on the side of a cliff right next to the sea, so you can look out over the water as you eat. People have been eating dinner in this cave for hundreds of years! In the 1700s, rich people had 25 special dinners there.

In the Sky

If eating underwater or underground isn't exciting enough, then what about having dinner up in the sky? Really! Dinner in the Sky serves people their meals about 160 feet off of the ground in midair. A dinner table is hung from a crane and raised up into the sky. It's not just a dinner table, though. It's a special platform with room for a chef, a small kitchen, and people to serve the food. Since it first started, Dinner in the Sky has set up special flying dinners all over the world, from Dubai to China.

So, if you're bored with the restaurants in your town, plan a trip to one of these exciting places. You won't even taste the food—you'll be too busy looking around!



People eat dinner 160 feet in the air when they eat at Dinner in the Sky.

3 CHECK YOUR UNDERSTANDING

A Which statement best describes the main idea of the article?

- Most restaurants are located in really unique places.
- Restaurants located in unique places serve the best food.
- It can be fun to eat at restaurants located in unique places.

B Read the article again. Answer the questions.

- What might you see when you look out the window at Ithaa? _____
- What can people see outside the cave while eating at Grotta Palazzese?

- What is raised up in the air during the Dinner in the Sky?
- What kind of event might have been held at the Grotta Palazzese in the 1700s? _____

C FOCUS ON LANGUAGE Reread lines 27–36 in the article. Think about the words *Really!* and *set up*. Circle the correct answers.

- What does the writer mean by the one-word sentence *Really!*?
 - I know this sounds strange, but I'm not joking.
 - I'm not telling you the truth.
 - I have never heard of anything so silly!
- What does the phrase *set up* mean?
 - made strong
 - put together
 - started

READING SKILL Construct mental images

When you read, you should pause to think about what the writer is describing and make a picture in your mind. The writer might include information about what something looks like, where it is, or give you other clues to help you imagine what he or she is describing. This can make the reading easier to understand.

D Read the Reading Skill. Read the article again. What descriptive words does the author use to describe each place? What would you experience if you were there? Complete the chart.

Place	Descriptive words and phrases	What I imagine it would be like

E PAIRS What is the article about? Retell the most important ideas in the article.

Use your own words. *The article is about restaurants that are...*

Find out about other restaurants that are in unique places.



4 MAKE IT PERSONAL

A Look at the restaurant locations in the chart. Describe what each restaurant would look like, and what it would be like to eat there. Add your own idea for a unique restaurant.

Place	Descriptive words and phrases	What I imagine it would be like
up in a tree		
in an ice cave		

B PAIRS Tell your partner about the restaurant you have imagined.

I think a restaurant in the jungle would be...

I CAN READ ABOUT UNIQUE RESTAURANTS.