

# Going back to a Restaurant



Because of COVID-19 my family and I haven't been able to go out to a restaurant.



But, restaurants have opened up again. So, mum has booked a table for us to go out to our favourite restaurant.



I look forward to going out to eat because it is written on the calendar.



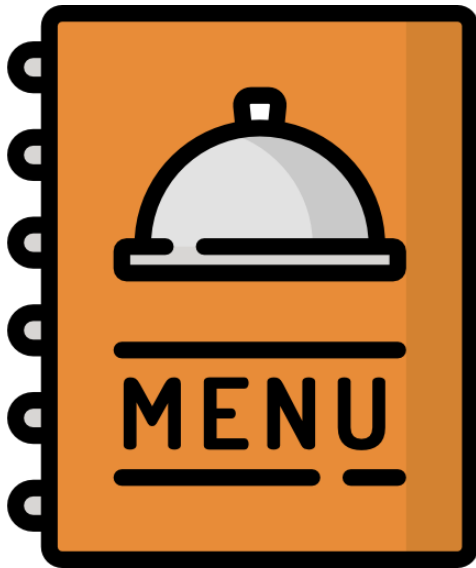
When the day finally comes, I go to the restaurant with mum and dad. We all wear our facemasks going into the restaurant.



There aren't as many people at the restaurant as normal. This is to help us stay socially distanced.



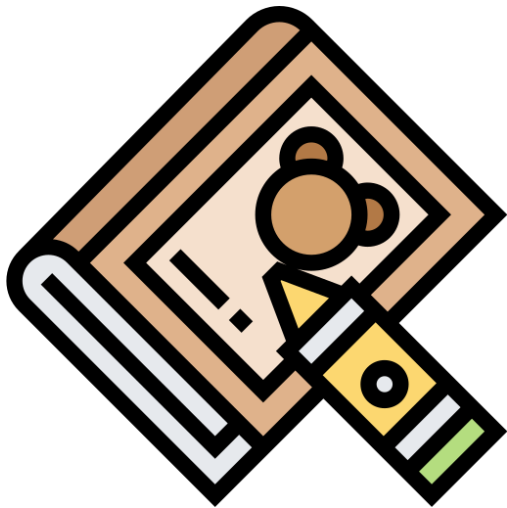
The waiter brings us to the table and brings us menus. When we sit down, we take off our masks.



I have a look at the menu and choose my favourite meal.



The waiter comes back and we all order our meals. The waiter takes away our menus.



Now we wait for our food to come. Sometimes this takes a while. I have brought my colouring book so I can colour in while I wait.



After a little while, the waiter comes back with our food. He doesn't bring out everything at once. We don't start eating until everything has been brought out.



Once we're finished eating, the waiter takes away our empty plates and brings us the bill.



After mum and dad pay the bill, we put our face masks back on and go out to the car. I love going out to a restaurant and can't wait to go back.

For more resources, check out [autism-toolkit.ie](http://autism-toolkit.ie)

For more general advice on visiting a restaurant with a child with ASD check out [www.sheknows.com/parenting](http://www.sheknows.com/parenting)