

“At the Restaurant – Au Resto” pocket book

How this phrase book came about ...

Several years ago, some friends of ours kept asking us whether they could join us for a meal at the restaurant. When asked if they had visited other restaurants in the area, they said laughingly that:

a) “they were unable to cope with the speed at which the restaurant’s staff were talking to them”

and

b) “it was very embarrassing to ask the staff to repeat everything two or three times”.

This is a common problem in any language. Believe me.

So, I dedicate this phrase book to all people who find the experience of visiting French restaurants a little daunting . . . initially.

How to use the “At the Restaurant – Au Resto” pocket book?

It is a chronological list of questions likely to be asked by staff at restaurants.

All you have to do is:

- to learn a few simple words *or*
- if you cannot get your tongue round some of the words, point to the English of the pocket book and, the restaurant’s staff can read the equivalent wording in French.

Anything simpler?

No, I have tried it and it works.

Beware: make sure you get your “pocket book” back. I had to leave mine with the restaurant’s staff twice!!!

Bon appétit