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Hello English learners and welcome to English Pod. My name is Marco, I'm Amira, And Amira and I are here today with a great, great lesson for you. Yes, we are. Today we're gonna be talking about a restaurant .

Amira, why don't you give us a little bit more details?

Well, we're talking about a situation in a restaurant, and two people are involved, the waiter and the customer. And I don't wanna say anymore.

OK! don't say anymore. Let's just listen to this dialog and we will back later to explain it.

A: Good evening. My name is Fabio. I'll be your waiter for tonight. May I take your order?

B: No, I'm still working on it. This menu is not even in English. What's good here?

A: For you sir, I would recommend spaghetti and meatballs.

B: Does it come with coke and fries?

A: It comes with either soup or salad and a complimentary glass of wine, sir.

B: I'll go with the spaghetti and meatballs, salad and the wine.

A: Excellent choice. Your order will be ready soon.

B: How soon is soon?

A: Twenty minutes?

B: You know what? I'll just go grab a burger across the street.

Oh! oh. What a waiter!

What a waiter! He is really angry at this customer and I can't blame him. I would be angry too.

Yeah! So, I'm saying Marco, you have chosen some interesting expressions for us here, what is the first one?

Well, the first one is, I'm still working on it, I'm still working on it, I'm still working on it, I'm still working on it. Why do we listen to some other example of how you can use this word and then we'll come back and explain it.

- Did you finish reading the magazine?

I'm still working on it.

- Did you fix my car?

I'm still working on it.

Uh. So, you could say I'm still working on it, means I still need more time. fantastic, great, OK, it's clear.

I have another one for you guys, it's a phrase commonly used and you'll hear it all the time, coke and fries, coke and fries, coke and fries, coke and fries, it's a short way of saying Coca-Cola and french fries.

So that's basically America's fast food. Yeah, burger, coke and fries.

OK, what's next on the menu? On the menu we have a complimentary glass of wine, complimentary glass of wine, complimentary glass of wine, complimentary means that it's free, free.

Yes, we love that huh? Yeah, we definitely like free things.

Well, um, I have another one for us here, another interesting phrase, I'll go with, I'll go with, I'll go with, I'll go with.

So basically, it's another way of saying, I'm choosing.

Yeah, I'll choose or I'll take, I'll take.

OK. Very good.

Alright, the next word that I wanna take a look at is grab, grab, grab, grab.

OK, now let's listen to some other examples of how we could use grab in different situations, and then we'll come back and explain it.

- On your way home grab some milk.
- Wait for me please, I need to grab my coat.
- Let's grab a cup of coffee.

Alright, well I would understand that go grab means, go get quickly, to go get quickly, yeah, yeah.

Alright everyone so now it's time to listen one more time to the dialog and listen carefully and try to understand why the waiter doesn't like customer.

Let's listen.

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Marco why did this waiter get angry at the customer?

Well, he basically wasted the waiter's time, I mean this guy comes into the restaurant, he is not very polite and he's asking all these questions and the end, he just gets up and says, "I'll just go grab a burger across the street".

Yeah, and I also think that this guy was a lot more casual than the place he was in, right?

Yeah, yeah, I think this was a nice, fancy restaurant so, I think he was in the wrong place.

Yeah, so how many times Marco, tell me, do you really have fast food a week?

Fast food. let's see, uhhh, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, nah I'm just kidding.

Oh my God.

No, no, Um I think fast food maybe once a week, once or twice a week.

Talking about fast food made me hungry, so I think I'm gonna go grab something to eat myself.

Yeah, me too.

Alright, I hope you guys enjoyed the lesson today and remember that all of this vocabulary is useful for your everyday needs.

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Exactly, and be sure to go to our website at englishpod.com, where you can find many other resources, and you can leave your questions and comments at our community forum.

So, thank you very much for listening, we'll be back tomorrow with another great lesson for you, so until then bye. Bye.