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## Level 1

Better tables for beautiful people in Paris restaurants

## 10th November, 2013

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## THE READING

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Two popular restaurants in Paris like beautiful people. They give them better tables than ordinary people. Staff who used to work there said good-looking customers get the good places. Other people can see them. Ordinary diners sat in the corner. Celebrity guests always got good tables. The waiters and waitresses also had to look good. Anyone who was short, without a model's body and over 30 could not work there.

The owners have a 'beauty policy'. They want the restaurants to have a good image. If one owner saw a "non-attractive" person at a good table, he told the staff: "There are goodlooking people, you put them here; there are bad-looking people, you put them there." Customers who made telephone bookings could not ask for a favourite table. Staff decided which table to give them after they came to the restaurant. They needed to check their faces.

## VOCABULARY MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

1. popular

2 ordinary
3. good-looking customers get
4. Other people can
5. Ordinary diners
6. Celebrity guests always
7. The waiters and waitresses also had
8. a model's

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

1. The owners have

2 They want the restaurants to
3. If one owner saw a
4. There are good-looking people,
5. Customers who made telephone
6. ask for a favourite
7. Staff decided which
8. check their
a. the good places
b. body
c. sat in the corner
d. to look good
e. restaurants in Paris
f. people
g. got good tables
h. see them
a. bookings
b. "non-attractive" person
c. faces
d. a 'beauty policy'
e. table
f. have a good image
g. you put them here
h. table to give them

## LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

(1) $\qquad$ in Paris like beautiful people. They give them better tables than (2) $\qquad$ . Staff who used to work there said good-looking customers get the good places. Other people (3) $\qquad$ . Ordinary diners (4) $\qquad$ . Celebrity guests always got good tables. The waiters and waitresses (5) $\qquad$ good. Anyone who was short, without a model's body and (6) $\qquad$ work there.

The owners have (7) $\qquad$ . They want the restaurants to have (8) $\qquad$ . If one owner saw a "non-attractive" person at a good table, he told the staff: "There are good-looking people, (9) $\qquad$ there are bad-looking people, you put them there." Customers who made (10) $\qquad$ could not ask for a favourite table. Staff (11) $\qquad$ to give them after they came to the restaurant. They (12) $\qquad$ their faces.

## PUT A SLASH ( / )WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS \& ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).
a)
b)
c)
d)
e)
f)
g)
h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS \& ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).
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b)
c)
d)
e)
f)
g)
h)

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## WRITING

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Write about restaurant tables for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.
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