



Worksheet

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How to Rewrite a Restaurant Review

Writing a good restaurant review requires balance, clarity, and polite language.

In this lesson, students learn how to rewrite a negative or direct review so it becomes:

- ✓ less emotional
- ✓ more objective and polite
- ✓ more informative
- ✓ more useful to the reader

This is a simplified guide.

1. Use Nominalisation to Make Writing Formal

Nominalisation = turning a verb into a noun to make the review more academic and less wordy.

Examples

Verb → Noun

- *design* → design
- *recommend* → recommendation
- *improve* → improvement

In the lesson:

Original sentence:

The designers used blue shades to create a relaxing eating area.

Better using nominalisation:

➡ The clever use of blue shades has created a relaxing eating area.

This helps the review sound more professional and balanced.

2. Use Synonyms to Avoid Repetition

Instead of repeating the same word (e.g., good, nice, bad), use synonyms.

Examples

- *amazing* → stunning
- *duck* → the meat
- *disappointing* → a letdown

This improves vocabulary and makes the review more interesting.

3. Show Comparison and Contrast

Restaurant reviews often compare with:

- other restaurants
- past experiences
- expectations

Useful phrases:

- In common with many restaurants...
- Similarly, other places have done the same...
- By way of contrast...

These help the reader understand whether the restaurant is better or worse than others.

4. Give a Recommendation

A review must help readers decide whether to visit the restaurant.

Useful recommendation phrases:

- I cannot praise it highly enough.
- If you are looking for somewhere new and exciting, then...
- This restaurant should be a first choice for celebrations.
- I would say that the restaurant does not score highly on value for money.

These sentences keep the review polite and useful.

5. Make the Review Less Direct (Less Harsh)

Very direct or emotional language can sound rude.

To improve review B, students should:

❌ Avoid

- *It was awful.*
- *The staff were terrible.*
- *Never go there!*

✔ Replace with

- The service did not meet my expectations.
- The food was less impressive than I had hoped.
- Some improvements could be made to...

This makes the writing more balanced and fair.

6. Structure Your Review Clearly

Introduction:

- name of restaurant
- when you went
- basic impression

Main Body:

- decor
- service
- food
- price/value

Conclusion:

- who you recommend it to
- final evaluation

Vocabulary Tables**A. Review Vocabulary**

Word / Phrase	Arabic Meaning	Synonym(s)	Example Sentence
a letdown	خيبة أمل	a disappointment	<i>The meal was a real letdown.</i>
indicated	أشار / أوضح	showed, demonstrated	<i>She made out that the service was excellent, but my experience indicated otherwise.</i>
give it a wide berth	يتجنب / يبتعد عن	avoid, stay away from	<i>After reading the review, I decided to give it a wide berth.</i>
hype	مبالغة في الدعاية	promotion, advertising	<i>The restaurant didn't live up to the hype.</i>
yearn for	يشتهق إلى / يتوق	long for, desire	<i>I yearned for a warm meal after the long trip.</i>
value for money	قيمة مقابل المال	reasonable price	<i>The restaurant offers good value for money.</i>
I'll give it that	سأعترف بذلك	that's one point in its favour	<i>The food was slow, but the décor was excellent—I'll give it that.</i>

B. Writing Box Vocabulary

Word / Phrase	Arabic Meaning	Synonym(s)	Example Sentence
stunning	مذهل	amazing, impressive	<i>The design of the place was stunning.</i>
comparison	مقارنة	contrast, evaluation	<i>In comparison with other cafés, this one is quieter.</i>
contrast	تضاد / اختلاف	difference	<i>By way of contrast, the desserts were delicious.</i>
highly enough	بشكل كافٍ	strongly, greatly	<i>I cannot praise it highly enough.</i>

Word / Phrase	Arabic Meaning	Synonym(s)	Example Sentence
relaxing	مريح	calming, peaceful	<i>The blue colours created a relaxing atmosphere.</i>
recommendation	توصية	suggestion	<i>My recommendation is to try their seafood dishes.</i>

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A. Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the correct answer.

- The writer describes The Big Combo as a restaurant that combines
 - traditional American dishes only
 - simple Asian food only
 - tastes from different cultures
 - only healthy meals
- The writer looked forward to visiting the restaurant because
 - he disliked Asian food
 - he was a big fan of both cuisines
 - he had read negative reviews
 - it was very cheap
- The décor of the restaurant is described as
 - colourful with many decorations
 - simple and messy
 - relaxing and stylish
 - crowded with flower centrepieces
- What impressed the writer the most?
 - the staff
 - the food
 - the location
 - the music
- The southern fried duck was a combination of
 - grilled beef and rice
 - fried duck with Peking sauce and pancakes
 - chicken with noodles
 - lamb with spicy curry
- According to the writer, the duck dish succeeded because
 - the chef had great skills
 - it was very cheap
 - it was a traditional Asian recipe
 - it contained no calories
- The writer believes that The Big Combo is ideal for people who
 - want simple food with no spices
 - want an exciting eating experience
 - dislike new restaurants
 - want only vegetarian meals
- Why wouldn't the writer eat there every day?
 - the service is poor
 - the atmosphere is boring
 - the calorie content is high
 - the food is tasteless

B. Vocabulary Table

Word	Arabic Meaning
delicate	رقيق / خفيف
Spices	توابل
Flavor	نكهة
Yearn	يشوق / يشتاق
Fusion	دمج / مزيج
Cuisine	مطبخ (نوع طعام)
Décor	ديكور
stunning	مذهل
relaxing	مريح
minimalistic	بسيط ومختصر
tempting	مغري
Portion	حصة / كمية
Tender	طري
Crisp	مقرمش
Greasy	دهني
Soggy	رطب وطري بشكل زائد
affordable	بأسعار معقولة
Pricy	غالي الثمن
Cutlery	أدوات الطعام
Rude	وقح
give it a wide berth	تجنبه تماماً

Answer Key

1. c
2. b
3. c
4. b
5. b
6. a
7. b
8. c