

High-Intermediate 1
Unit 2 Reading
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Read this restaurant review from a neighborhood newspaper.

Bigger and (Often) Better

By Dana Lee

The COUNTRY INN has just reopened under new management. The new owners have done a wonderful job redecorating the inn. The dining room looks bigger, brighter, and prettier than the old one. The food is just as good as before, but, unfortunately, the menu is less varied and more expensive. Good choices are the roast chicken with mashed potatoes, the lobster, and the homemade spaghetti with fresh tomatoes and olives. Be sure to leave room for the desserts. The selection keeps getting better and better. The homemade almond cake is as good as you can get, and the chocolate soufflé is as light as air.

The staff is friendly but not able to handle large numbers of people—the more crowded the restaurant, the slower the service. At dinner time, the lines outside this popular restaurant are getting longer and longer. Try lunchtime for a quieter, more relaxed meal.

New Words & Expressions

just = very recently, not long ago

The prefix "re-" means "again":

- reopen = open again
- redecorate = decorate again

inn = a hotel, especially a small hotel, often with a restaurant

dine (verb) = eat

dining room (noun) = a room full of tables and chairs where the food is served.

just as good as before ⇒ just (Emphatic Word) = exactly

varied (adjective) = offering different options

variety (noun) = being varied

roast (adjective) = cooked directly over fire

roast chicken

mashed = boiled and crushed

mashed potatoes



lobster



room = the amount of space that someone or something needs

Leave room for desserts = Don't fill up your stomach and keep a part of it empty for the desserts.

à la mode = served with ice cream



chocolate soufflé

staff = personnel; employees

Point:

After the word “staff”, we have to use a singular verb even though it refers to several people.

Don't Say: The staff in this restaurant are very professional.

Say: The staff in this restaurant is very professional.

handle = deal with; manage

The more crowded the restaurant, the slower the service. ⇒ **Double Comparatives**

The selection keeps getting better and better. ⇒ **Gradual Change**

The lines are getting longer and longer. ⇒ **Gradual Change**

line (American) = queue (British)

line = a group of people standing one behind the other who are waiting for something



The Country Inn
★★★
(very good)
27 Waterside Place
555-3465
Open 11:00 A.M.–11:00 P.M.
Tuesday–Sunday
Reservations not accepted
Average cost of dinner:
\$12–\$23

Icons at the bottom: wheelchair accessibility, no smoking, and VasterCard logo.



No smoking!
(You can't smoke in this restaurant)



Credit cards are accepted.



Wheelchairs are available.
(This restaurant is also suitable for the disabled)

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