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## **Episode #063**

Ordering Coffee like a New Yorker

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Hi, everyone! I'm Georgiana, founder of [SpeakEnglishPodcast.com](http://SpeakEnglishPodcast.com). My mission is to help you to **speak English fluently**. Speaking English is easier than you think. You just need to use the right methods.

In today's lesson, I'll teach you **how to order coffee like a [New Yorker](#)**, and with a funny **mini-story**, you'll **improve your fluency** in English. In the last part of the lesson, I'll remind you **how to activate your English vocabulary**.

Ok! Let's start!

With so many options available these days, it's hard to decide what kind of coffee to drink, and it can even seem a little intimidating. Being familiar with these basic words and phrases will help you order with confidence and order something you really like!

Start by deciding if you want a **milk-based** or **black coffee**. If you are lactose intolerant, on a diet, or you simply don't like milk, go for **black coffee**.

Choose the **strength** as well as any **extras** you want. Finally, tell the barista or waiter if you want your drink **hot** or **iced**, as well as the **size** you want. You'll see how soon you'll be ordering coffee just like a pro.

When choosing your **size**, keep in mind that coffee shops are not always consistent in the terms they use for **small**, **medium**, and **large** coffees. A "small" in one coffee shop can be a "**tall**" in another and a "**single**" and so on. So ask your waiter to explain your store's lingo if you're not sure.

Add **extra shots** if you like. Your waiter will be happy to add an **extra shot** to your coffee. This can make your drink tastier and **richer in caffeine**. Just tell your bartender that you want a "three-shot **latte**," for example.

Tell the waiter if you want your drink **hot or iced**. But keep in mind that certain drinks don't do well in **iced forms**, however. So, it's best to ask your waiter if you can make your drink with ice.

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For example, **milk foam** can only be created by heating it, so frozen **cappuccinos** don't really work. Also, some baristas discourage frozen **espressos** since the shock of ice can kill the taste of the drink.

Oh, and if you don't really like the effect of caffeine, you can always order a **decaffeinated** or a **decaf** coffee.

Remember, however, that this is not how you order a coffee in Starbucks. That's a different story. :)

By the way, if you're planning to visit NY, I'll teach you **how to order a coffee like a New Yorker**.

The most common one is **regular coffee** or just "**coffee**." It's a cup of **joe** plus plenty of milk or cream and sugar. So, you don't have to say milk and sugar.

By the way, the word **JOE** is slang for coffee.

If you enjoy your coffee with a little milk, just order a **dark coffee**.

But if you want more milk, then ask for a **Lite (light)** coffee. This one has more milk than a **regular one**.

And if you want even more milk, ask for an **extra-lite (extra-light)**. This has more milk than a **lite**.

For those of you who usually drink your coffee with lots of sugar and lots of milk, just order a **sweet and lite** coffee.

And if you have diabetes or you just don't enjoy drinking your coffee with sugar, then make sure to say "**No sugar, please**."- And say this twice because the **default** is with sugar.

## Mini-Story

(Improve your fluency)

Well, let's continue. Let's practice a little conversation in English. I'm gonna simulate a conversation with a person named Jamie, and you're going to participate. Just answer out loud to the questions you hear. After

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your answer, I will give a correct answer so that you can compare it.

In this case, you are Jamie, and you can answer in the first person:

Jamie only ate apples and drank water.

**Jamie, did you eat apples or pears?**

Apples, I ate apples. I didn't eat pears, even though I drank water.

**Did you eat only apples and drink wine?**

No. I didn't drink wine. I only ate apples and drank water.

**What did you eat?**

Apples, I ate apples.

**And...What did you drink?**

Water, I drank water.

**Jamie, did you eat and drink anything other than apples and water?**

No. I didn't eat and drink other things. I only ate apples and drank water.

One day Jamie met his friend Charlie at a coffee shop.

**Jamie, did you meet your friend Charlie?**

Yes, I met him. I met my friend Charlie at a coffee shop.

**Where were you? In a restaurant?**

No, I didn't meet at a restaurant. I was in a coffee shop.

**Who did you meet?**

Charlie. I met my friend Charlie at a coffee shop.

**Where?**

In a coffee shop. I met him in a coffee shop.

Jamie wanted to order water and an apple, but Charlie insisted that he order a latte, which is coffee with plenty of milk.

**Jamie, did you want to order water and an apple or something else?**

Water and an apple. I wanted to ask for water and an apple. I didn't want to ask for anything else because I only ate apples and drank water.

**What did you want to order?**

Water and an apple. I wanted to ask for that, but Charlie insisted that I get a latte.

**Did Charlie insist that you order a regular coffee?**

Yes, he insisted that I ask for a latte. He insisted that I order something I didn't want.

**What did Charlie want you to order?**

A regular coffee. He insisted that I ask for a latte.

**Who insisted? The barista?**

No, no. The barista didn't insist on anything. It was Charlie who insisted.

In that coffee shop, Jamie tried a latte for the first time and was excited!

**Who tried a latte for the first time? You or your friend Charlie?**

I did. I tried a latte. My friend Charlie had already tried it. I tried it for the first time.

**Who had already tried it? You or Charlie?**

Charlie. Charlie had already tried it before. He had already tried the latte. I tried it for the first time, and it got me4 excited.

**Did you get excited about the latte?**

Yes, I was enthusiastic about it. I got excited the first time I tried a latte. It was incredibly good!

**What did you try that got you so excited?**

The latte. I tried a latte, and it really got me excited.

Now Jamie has a famous coffee shop in the centre of town, and he's happy.

**Jamie, do you own a famous restaurant?**

No, I don't own a famous restaurant. I own a famous coffee shop. What's so famous?

A coffee shop. I own a famous coffee shop in the centre of the village.

**Where's the coffee shop?**

In the centre of the village. The coffee shop is located in the heart of the village and is the most famous.

**What is situated in the heart of the village?**

My coffee shop. The most famous coffee shop. Now I am very happy.

**Wow, fantastic, Jamie. Are you very happy?**

Yes, I'm very happy. I'm very happy because I have a coffee shop.

**Why are you happy?**

Because I have a coffee shop, now I can have as much latte as I want every day in my own coffee shop, and that's cool!

**What's cool about it?**

Having coffee with milk in my own coffee shop. That's really cool.

Perfect! We have reached the end of this mini-history. This technique can help you improve your English fluency. With the questions and answers, you can automate your speech because you will translate less and less in your mind.

If you like these types of lessons, I recommend the [Fluency Course](#) that you can get here:

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You have hours of mini-stories with professional audio and text. Honestly, I think it's the best way to get excellent spoken English.

## VOCABULARY ACTIVATION

Sometimes they ask me how to activate vocabulary. That is to say, some students tell me that they understand a lot but that it's **very difficult** for them **to use the words** that they understand.

I explained this in episode #014 about passive vocabulary. But, we can go over the concept again because it's important.

In essence, if you want to activate your vocabulary, you need to repeat what you hear. The more you **repeat** a lesson, the more likely you are to use the expressions and words you hear. It's like the summer song. You end up singing it without realizing it.

**Don't be afraid to repeat the audio too many times.** There are not "too many" here. You can repeat more than 30 times, even 50 times the same audio. Of course, it helps a lot to have question and answer lessons and repeat them many times.

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**foundation** that allows the language to be a part of you.

Well, that's it for today, so the next time you listen to an audio, like this podcast, you can **repeat it several times**. You'll see that each time you improve a little more.

By the way, I remind you of the page where you can get the [Fluency Course](#).

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Take care of yourself, and see you next time!

Bye!



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