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Level 1 Better tables for beautiful people in Paris restaurants

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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.

Sources: http://www.**telegraph**.co.uk/news/worldnews/europe/france/10431535/French-restaurants-whereyour-looks-decide-your-seat.html http://www.**dailymail**.co.uk/news/article-2489691/French-restaurant-group-seat-guests-accordinggood-looking-are.html#ixzz2k2JRtvvP

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	popular	a.	the good places
2	ordinary	b.	body
3.	good-looking customers get	c.	sat in the corner
4.	Other people can	d.	to look good
5.	Ordinary diners	e.	restaurants in Paris
6.	Celebrity guests always	f.	people
7.	The waiters and waitresses also had	g.	got good tables
8.	a model's	h.	see them

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) in Paris like beautiful people. They give them better tables than (2) _____. Staff who used to work there said good-looking customers get the good places. Other people (3) ______. Ordinary diners (4) ______. Celebrity guests always got tables. The waiters and waitresses aood (5) ______ good. Anyone who was short, without a model's body and (6) ______ work there. The owners have (7) ______. They want the restaurants to have (8) ______. If one owner saw a "non-attractive" person at a good table, he told the staff: "There are good-looking people, (9) _____; there are bad-looking people, you put them there." Customers who made (10) _____ could not ask for a favourite table. Staff (11) ______ to give them the restaurant. they came after to Thev (12) ______ 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).



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WRITING

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