



# Eating out in Bristol

Groceries, going (food) shopping, ordering in a restaurant

Adjectives and adverbs

**knick-knacks:** small objects which people keep as ornaments or toys, rather than for a particular use

**greengrocer:** a shop or person who sells fruit and vegetables

**hospitality:** the friendly reception and entertainment of guests

**custard:** a sweet sauce made with milk and eggs

**market stall:** a stand or booth where goods are sold in a market

**promptly:** done without delay; immediately

Tina and Andrei are hungry after the tiring move. Andrei knows a great food market in Bristol. It's near the city centre. At St Nicholas Market there are a variety of street food stalls and shops selling **knick-knacks**. On weekends there's a farmers' market outside the market hall selling fresh produce.

They arrive at the **greengrocer's** stand, covered in colourful vegetables. The tomatoes, the lettuce and the strawberries look very fresh. Tina wants to cook dinner for Andrei tonight to thank him for his **hospitality**.

"Good afternoon. How can I help?" the seller greets them.

"Hello. I would like a pound of tomatoes, one red onion, a large iceberg lettuce, and three baskets of strawberries please."

"Anything else I can get you?"

"Do you have any basil?" Tina enquires.

"I have one small pot of basil left."

"I'll take it."

"Is that all?" the seller asks.

"Yes, thank you, that's everything."

Andrei and Tina enter the market hall and get themselves a delicious coffee by the entrance. They also buy two Pastéis de Nata: traditional Portuguese pastries filled with sweet **custard**. The neighbouring **market stall** smells of smoked fish. They are suddenly hungry and decide that they won't cook tonight... They'll go to a restaurant instead.

There's a new trendy restaurant near the market that Andrei has been meaning to try. Tina thinks this sounds like a good idea. She calls the restaurant to make a reservation. Soon afterwards, they arrive at the restaurant and are **promptly** seated. The waiter brings them the menu and returns after a couple of minutes.

"What can I get you?" he asks.

"I'll have the roast with lamb" – a roast dinner is exactly what I need right now, Tina thinks.

"And I'll have the **bangers and mash**. But could I have it without the peas, please?"

"No problem. And what would you like to drink?"

"We'd like two pints of **ale** please. Do you have any recommendations?"

"We have our own locally brewed ale. Would you like to try it?"

"Yes, that sounds perfect", Andrei replies, pleased.

They are both very happy with the food and drinks. However, the portions are a bit small. Tina would like to order a dessert. She asks to see the menu again. But by the time the waiter finally arrives, they need to pay or Tina will miss her train. Tina has really enjoyed Bristol and Andrei invites her to come and visit again soon.

**bangers and mash:** a traditional British dish consisting of sausages served with mashed potatoes

**ale:** a type of beer

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## Did you understand everything?

Where do Tina and Andrei buy their groceries?  What colour is the onion that Tina buys?  What do Tina and Andrei drink at the market's entrance?  Which drink does the waiter recommend Tina and Andrei drink?  Does Tina order a dessert after the meal?

## Finally, delicious food!

Insert the correct adjective or adverb from the list below.

Adverbs: **finally** – **locally** – **promptly**

Adjectives: **final** – **local** – **prompt**

The waiter \_\_\_\_\_ seated us.

The waiter's \_\_\_\_\_ arrival pleased the hungry pair.

The \_\_\_\_\_ strawberries are delicious.

The strawberries were \_\_\_\_\_ grown.

The waiter \_\_\_\_\_ arrived.

Tina's \_\_\_\_\_ wish was to have dessert.