

American English File  
**B.2 Jenny Makes a Reservation**

**Part 1 Preview & Background** *Answer these questions before you watch the video.*

**Preview Question:** Have you ever tried to make a restaurant reservation in English? How did you go?



Jenny

**Gist Question:** Jenny is making a restaurant reservation. What details can you remember?

**Part 2 Comprehension** *Answer the questions while or after you watch the video.*

1. Where is Jenny from?
  - a. She is from New York.
  - b. She is from New Mexico.
  - c. She is from New Orleans.
2. When is Jenny's birthday?
  - a. It is today.
  - b. It is tomorrow.
  - c. It was yesterday.
3. When does Jenny call the restaurant?
  - a. She calls in the morning.
  - b. She calls in the afternoon.
  - c. She calls in the evening.
4. How many people does Jenny make a reservation for?
  - a. She makes a reservation for two people.
  - b. She makes a reservation for three people.
  - c. She makes a reservation for four people.
5. What day is it today?
  - a. It is Monday.
  - b. It is Tuesday.
  - c. It is Wednesday.
6. What time does Jenny make the reservation for?
  - a. She makes the reservation for six o'clock.
  - b. She makes the reservation for seven o'clock.
  - c. She makes the reservation for eleven o'clock.

### Part 3 Discussion

1. What is your favorite restaurant? What kind of food do they serve? Why is it your favorite?  
↪ Use: **My favorite restaurant is...**  
↪ Use: **They mainly serve...**  
↪ Use: **It's my favorite because...**
2. When you go out for dinner, do you usually call to make a reservation before you go?  
↪ Use: **Yes, I usually make a reservation.**  
↪ Use: **I usually don't make a reservation because...**
3. Will you wait in line for a good restaurant? How long are you willing to wait?  
↪ Use: **I never wait in line for a restaurant because...**  
↪ Use: **I guess I am willing to wait a maximum of ... if it is a good restaurant.**
4. Do you feel comfortable eating in an empty restaurant (a restaurant with no other customers)? Why or why not?  
↪ Use: **Sure. No problem. Why not?**  
↪ Use: **I don't feel comfortable eating in an empty restaurant because...**  
↪ Use: **Actually, I prefer eating in an empty restaurant because...**

**Part 5 Dialogue Practice** Practice the dialogue with a partner. Change the [ highlighted information ] with your own ideas.

**Waiter:** [ **Locanda Verde** ] . Good morning. How can I help you?

**Diner:** Hello. A table for [ **tomorrow** ] please.

**Waiter:** [ **Tomorrow** ] . Ah, [ **Tuesday** ] ?

**Diner:** Yes, that's right.

**Waiter:** How many people?

**Diner:** [ **Three** ] .

**Waiter:** What time?

**Diner:** [ **Seven** ] o'clock.

**Waiter:** What's your name, please?

**Diner:** [ **Jenny Zielinski** ] . That's [ **z i e l i n s k i** ] .

**Waiter:** Thank you [ **Ms. Zielinsky** ] . Okay, so a table for [ **three** ] on [ **Tuesday** ] at [ **7:00** ] .

**Diner:** Great. Thanks. Bye.

**Waiter:** Bye. See you [ **tomorrow** ] .

## Script

- Jenny:** Hi, I'm Jenny Zielinski. I'm from New York.
- Jenny:** Tomorrow is my birthday, and my favorite restaurant in New York is Locanda Verde. It's Italian.
- Waiter:** *Locanda Verde*. Good morning. How can I help you?
- Jenny:** Hello. A table for tomorrow please.
- Waiter:** Tomorrow. Ah, Tuesday?
- Jenny:** Yes, that's right.
- Waiter:** How many people?
- Jenny:** Three.
- Waiter:** What time?
- Jenny:** 7:00.
- Waiter:** What's your name, please?
- Jenny:** Jenny Zielinski. That's z i e l i n s k i.
- Waiter:** Thank you Ms. Zielinsky. Okay, so a table for three on Tuesday at 7:00.
- Jenny:** Great. Thanks. Bye.
- Waiter:** Bye. See you tomorrow.

## Answers

### Part 2 – Comprehension

1. Jenny is from **New York**.
2. Jenny's birthday is **tomorrow**.
3. Jenny calls **in the morning**.
4. Jenny makes a reservation for **three** people.
5. Today is **Monday**.
6. Jenny makes the reservation for **seven o'clock**.