


UNIT 50

# Housing / Shopping 2



## I. Introduction

**Would you rather...?**



**Would you rather...?**

- a. eat Japanese cuisine or  
b. eat international cuisines
- a. give up sugar or  
b. give up salt
- a. get pizza with lots of meat or  
b. get pizza with lots of vegetables
- a. never drink soda or  
b. never drink alcohol

## II. Vocabulary

Match the word with its correct meaning.

commute	a. wholly; completely
traffic	b. a period of the day when the demands especially of traffic or business are at a peak
rush hour	c. suited to personal comfort
quite	d. the vehicles, pedestrians, ships, or planes moving along a route
convenient	e. to travel back and forth regularly

### III. Conversation Practice

Practice the conversation with your teacher by doing a role play.

**Steve:** And restaurants? ***Are there any good ones close by?***

**Lisa:** Oh yes, they just opened a new Japanese restaurant in town. We have everything from French, Italian, and Thai to Chinese. ***There are a lot to choose from*** and ***many are quite good.***

**Steve:** Excellent! How's the ***commute***? Do you drive or take the train?

**Lisa:** I usually take the train. It's very ***convenient*** and takes only 40 minutes. I drive sometimes but with ***traffic*** during ***rush hour***, it can take well over an hour.

**Steve:** ***The train sounds like the way to go.*** Thanks so much for the information.

**Lisa:** You're very welcome. Good luck with the house and if you have any more questions, feel free to give me a call.



#### Key Points

<b><u><i>Are there any good ones close by?</i></u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Are there any _____ nearby?</li> <li>- Are there any _____ in the neighbourhood?</li> <li>- Are there any _____ in the vicinity?</li> </ul>
<b><u><i>There are a lot to choose from?</i></u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We have many choices.</li> <li>- There are an abundance of good restaurants.</li> </ul>
<b><u><i>Many are quite good.</i></u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Many are pretty good.</li> <li>- Many are very good.</li> <li>- Many are really good.</li> </ul>
<b><u><i>The train sounds like the way to go.</i></u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The train sounds right.</li> <li>- The train seems to be a better choice.</li> </ul>

#### IV. Role-play

Talk about your best/worst experience in a restaurant.



#### Part 2

##### I. Introduction

### It's Commuting Time!

Randy got on a train at 7:30 am. He reached his school an hour later. What time did Randy arrive at school?

Mary was in a hurry. To get to her workplace as fast as possible, she grabbed a taxi. It was 8:00 am. After 1 hour and 45 minutes, she arrived in her workplace but she was 15 minutes late. What time was the start of her work?



John is going to meet Lisa in Triple A restaurant at 8:30 pm. After his work at 7:30 pm, he still needs to take a bus to go to the train station which will take 20 minutes. From the train station to the next stop, it only takes 30 minutes. After he gets off the train, he will, then, walk to the restaurant for 5 minutes. If he gets out from his office at exactly 7:30 pm, he will still have 5 minutes extra time until their meet up. If John gets out from his work at 7:40 pm, what time will he arrive in the restaurant?

## II. Discussion

### ✚ Exercise A

What would you do in the following situations?

1.	The food you ordered almost an hour ago has not been served yet.
2.	There is a strand of hair in your soup.
3.	People inside the restaurant are too noisy.
4.	After you sit down, you look at the menu and find out that the food is expensive.

### ✚ Exercise B

How would you solve the following problems?



✚ Exercise C

**Role-play**

You are in a restaurant. To your surprise, you find a fly in your food.  
Call the waiter and complain about it.

Please use the following expressions:

**Getting the waiter's attention**

- Excuse me, I'm afraid there is something wrong with my...
- I'm sorry, but I have a problem with...

**Stating the problem**

- I don't know if you noticed that...
- I'm afraid that...

**Solving the problem**

- What can be done to solve this problem?
- Is there a way you could...?
- Will you be able to fix this?

