

EPISODE 7

Ceilia

Has anyone seen Gordon at all?

Mary

He hasn't arrived yet.

Peter

Oh no! We've got three customers all at once – what are we going to do?

Ceilia

Calm down Peter. Have you given them all menus?

Peter

No! I haven't...

Ceilia

Oh dear – it's 7 o'clock, where is Gordon? (Her mobile phone beeps) Oh he's sent a text... he's broken down and he's going to be late. That's all I need. I'm going to have to call in the emergency chef...

Mary

I'll heat up the oven... and get the plates ready... and offer the customers a free glass of wine...

Ceilia

Great idea. And I'll hold the fort. Oh come on Gordon... this feels like an eternity.

Peter

They've already chosen what they want – 1 beef, 2 duck, 1 salad... or is it 1 duck, 2 beef...? Where is Gordon? What am I going to say to them? Oh dear.

Mary

Wine... (she gives a glass of wine to Peter)

Peter

Thank you (he drinks it).

Mary

That was for the customer.

Peter

Oh sorry.

Mary

Take this one to them... and tell them there'll be a slight delay while we search for the freshest ingredients.

Ceilia

Better late than never – we've got a big order on.
You're going to have to make up for lost time.

Gordon

I know. I know. All in good time. Now I'll make
one of my special chef sauces shall I?

Peter

It's a bit late in the day for that.

Gordon

Why?

Peter

Everyone's gone. They said 'time is money', and
they've run out of time.

Ceilia

And we're going to run out of money! Can't you
just get on the bus next time you come to work
Gordon – it's much more reliable.

Peter

You can borrow my bike if you like?

Vocabulary

hold the fort
look after something while someone else
is away

feels like an eternity
feels like a long time

better late than never
it is good someone has arrived rather
than not at all

to make up for lost time
spend lots of time doing something now
because it wasn't done earlier

all in good time
there is no need to hurry

late in the day
too late to do anything about it

time is money
time wasted could be used earning
money

EPISODE 8

Gordon

Mary, today is your lucky day!

Mary

Oh really Gordon, why's that?

Gordon

I have made a fabulous meal using just one large pan. So not much washing-up
for you!

Mary

Oh, lucky me!

Gordon

Yes and it's nearly ready – just one more chilli for luck. Peter!

Peter

Yes Mr Gordon... you called?

Gordon

I want you to take that pan to table 3 and watch their faces light up with
amazement. Be careful!

Mary

Do you want a hand?

Peter

It's OK Mary, leave this with me.

Gordon

This is my signature dish – the recipe fell into my lap years ago when I worked at one of the world's top restaurants – you wouldn't have heard of it.

Mary

Oh wouldn't I? Well, it has got a lot of chilli in it so it's not to everyone's taste.

Peter

Water! Water!

Gordon

Where's the fire? Where's the fire?

Peter

No fire... chilli... too much chilli. They don't like it...

Gordon

Idiots! They don't know good food when they've seen it!

Peter

They want something plain... simpler...

Gordon

Boring you mean. Right, I'll have to make spaghetti bolognese. Well, now I'll need some pots and pans...

Mary

There's a stroke of luck – I've washed all these!
... better luck next time!

Vocabulary

(someone's) lucky day
a day when good things will happen to someone

one more (something) for luck
an extra (something) for good fortune

light up
(here) suddenly look happy or amazed

fell into my lap
obtained without any effort

a stroke of luck
a good thing that's happened unexpectedly

better luck next time
(an expression of encouragement or sarcasm)
hope you have more success next time

EPISODE 9

Ceilia

Hi Peter - how's everything? Still enjoying working here?

Peter

Oh yes. It's a great restaurant. I love it here.

Ceilia

Good, good... do you want to know a secret?

Peter

Oh... go on then.

Ceilia

I can't tell anyone... but I've just entered us into the Restaurant of the Year awards - in the best newcomer category - hopefully, we'll be nominated!

Peter

Oh that's great news... well done!

Ceilia

Mum's the word - I can't tell anyone until it's officially announced.

Peter

My lips are sealed.

Gordon

See you Ceilia... What are you smirking at?

Peter

Nothing... Oh go on then. Ceilia's just told me a big secret...

Gordon

What?

Peter

We've been nominated for Restaurant of the Year award! But keep it under wraps hey?

Gordon

No way! Gosh, Restaurant of the Year... me, a winner!

Mary

Have you won something Gordon?

Gordon

No, no... you'll probably find out anyway... a little dickie bird just told me that I've won the Restaurant of the Year award! But ssshhh, keep it to yourself.

Mary

OK, I won't let the cat out of the bag... except there's no cat to let out. The awards aren't for another six months - we can't have won.

Ceilia

She's right Gordon. I've only just put the entry form in... What's up? Cat got your tongue?!

Vocabulary

mum's the word

keep it a secret

my lips are sealed

I won't tell anybody

keep it under wraps

keep it a secret

a little dickie bird has told me

somebody has told me something in private

keep it to yourself

don't tell anybody / keep it a secret

to let the cat out of the bag

tell somebody something that was supposed to be a secret