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## World's “best restaurant” closes

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1107/110730-restaurants.html>

A Spanish restaurant that was voted best in the world five times has closed. The El Bulli, run by award-winning chef Ferran Adria, served its final meals this week. He created a special 49-course menu as a final farewell. The lucky customers on Mr Adria's last night were his staff and their families. The courses included some of Adria's unique creations, such as squid and coconut ravioli, roses with ham wonton and melon water, and blackberry risotto. The famous restaurant will now become a centre for food creativity under the name of the El Bulli Foundation.

El Bulli opened in 1984. It was named best restaurant in the world a record five times by the 'Restaurant' magazine, which used the opinions of around 800 chefs, critics and food experts. Mr Adria never believed his restaurant deserved the title of the world's best. He said: "It is not the best restaurant in the world because that does not exist." However, it was an unusual eatery. The food mixed cooking with chemistry and science; it was closed at lunch time so staff could develop new dishes; it only served 50 customers a day for six months of the year; and it never made a profit.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1107/110730-restaurants.html>

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                             |                    |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. voted best in the world  | a. creations       |
| 2. award-                   | b. farewell        |
| 3. He created a special 49- | c. winning chef    |
| 4. a final                  | d. food creativity |
| 5. some of Adria's unique   | e. five times      |
| 6. a centre for             | f. course menu     |

## Paragraph 2

- |                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. El Bulli opened             | a. around 800 chefs |
| 2. the opinions of             | b. chemistry        |
| 3. that does not               | c. in 1984          |
| 4. The food mixed cooking with | d. a profit         |
| 5. it only served 50           | e. exist            |
| 6. it never made               | f. customers a day  |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1107/110730-restaurants.html>

A Spanish restaurant that was \_\_\_\_\_ world five times has closed. The El Bulli, run \_\_\_\_\_ chef Ferran Adria, \_\_\_\_\_ meals this week. He created a special 49-course menu \_\_\_\_\_. The lucky customers on Mr Adria's last night were his staff and their families. The courses \_\_\_\_\_ Adria's unique creations, such as squid and coconut ravioli, roses with ham wonton and melon water, and blackberry risotto. The famous restaurant will now become a centre \_\_\_\_\_ under the name of the El Bulli Foundation.

El Bulli opened in 1984. It was named best restaurant in the \_\_\_\_\_ five times by the 'Restaurant' magazine, which \_\_\_\_\_ of around 800 chefs, critics and food experts. Mr Adria never believed his restaurant deserved the title of the world's best. He said: "It is not the best restaurant in the world because that \_\_\_\_\_." However, it was an \_\_\_\_\_. The food mixed cooking with chemistry and science; it was closed at lunch time so \_\_\_\_\_ new dishes; it only served 50 customers a day for six months of the year; and it never \_\_\_\_\_.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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A Spanish restaurant that was (1) \_\_\_\_\_ best in the world five times has closed. The El Bulli, run by award-winning chef Ferran Adria, served its final meals this week. He created a special 49-(2) \_\_\_\_\_ menu as a final (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The lucky customers on Mr Adria's last night were his staff and their families. The courses included some of Adria's unique creations, such (4) \_\_\_\_\_ squid and coconut ravioli, roses with ham wonton and melon water, and blackberry risotto. The (5) \_\_\_\_\_ restaurant will now become a centre for food creativity (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the name of the El Bulli Foundation.

El Bulli opened in 1984. It was named best restaurant in the world a record five times by the 'Restaurant' magazine, which used the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of around 800 chefs, critics and food (8) \_\_\_\_\_. Mr Adria never believed his restaurant deserved the title of the world's best. He said: "It is not the best restaurant in the world because (9) \_\_\_\_\_ does not exist." However, it was an unusual eatery. The food (10) \_\_\_\_\_ cooking with chemistry and science; it was closed at lunch time (11) \_\_\_\_\_ staff could develop new dishes; it only served 50 customers a day for six months of the year; and it never (12) \_\_\_\_\_ a profit.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |               |              |              |
|-----|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) voting    | (b) votes    | (c) voted    |
| 2.  | (a) course    | (b) case     | (c) cause    |
| 3.  | (a) very well | (b) farewell | (c) well     |
| 4.  | (a) has       | (b) was      | (c) as       |
| 5.  | (a) fame      | (b) famously | (c) famous   |
| 6.  | (a) under     | (b) below    | (c) before   |
| 7.  | (a) onions    | (b) opinions | (c) openings |
| 8.  | (a) experts   | (b) expats   | (c) expects  |
| 9.  | (a) that      | (b) those    | (c) them     |
| 10. | (a) mixture   | (b) mixed    | (c) mixes    |
| 11. | (a) sew       | (b) such     | (c) so       |
| 12. | (a) did       | (b) made     | (c) was      |

# SPELLING

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1107/110730-restaurants.html>

**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. otved best in the world
2. rdawa-winning chef
3. a special 49-roseuc menu
4. his safft and their families
5. faousm restaurant
6. a centre for food rteicityva

## Paragraph 2

7. a decrro five times
8. onpsoiin of around 800 chefs
9. critics and food pseretx
10. that does not stixe
11. develop new dthesis
12. it never made a tiorpf

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1107/110730-restaurants.html>

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) El Bulli opened in 1984. It was named best restaurant in the world a record five
- ( ) times by the 'Restaurant' magazine, which used the opinions of around 800 chefs, critics and food
- ( ) winning chef Ferran Adria, served its final meals this week. He created a special 49-
- ( ) best restaurant in the world because that does not exist." However, it was an unusual eatery. The food mixed
- ( ) course menu as a final farewell. The lucky customers on Mr Adria's last night were his staff and their
- ( ) experts. Mr Adria never believed his restaurant deserved the title of the world's best. He said: "It is not the
- ( ) families. The courses included some of Adria's unique creations, such as squid and
- ( **1** ) A Spanish restaurant that was voted best in the world five times has closed. The El Bulli, run by award-
- ( ) now become a centre for food creativity under the name of the El Bulli Foundation.
- ( ) cooking with chemistry and science; it was closed at lunch time so staff could develop new
- ( ) coconut ravioli, roses with ham wonton and melon water, and blackberry risotto. The famous restaurant will
- ( ) dishes; it only served 50 customers a day for six months of the year; and it never made a profit.

# WORD JUMBLE

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1107/110730-restaurants.html>

**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. was that restaurant Spanish A world the in best voted.

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2. menu special 49 He - created course a.

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3. lucky last customers night on Mr The Adria's.

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4. creations unique Adria's of some included Courses.

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5. centre food a for creativity Become.

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6. 5 Best the record in a times restaurant world.

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7. chefs 800 around of opinions the Used.

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8. it , However eatery unusual an was.

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9. staff new could So dishes develop.

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10. months served a six only customers for It 50 day.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1107/110730-restaurants.html>

**Write about restaurants for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.**

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. RESTAURANTS:** Search the Internet and find more information about award-winning restaurants. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about the El Bulli restaurant. Include imaginary interviews with the owner and customers. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to a restaurant expert. Ask him/her three questions about restaurants. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.