

Travel Menu Ⓐ Ⓒ

Big Idea: Turn restaurant menus into travel entertainment

Supplies Needed: various restaurant menus

Age Level: middle school or high school

Before leaving on your trip or excursion, pick up a few paper takeout menus from some local restaurants (Chinese and Mexican menus often work best). Distribute the menus among the teenagers while traveling, and ask the teenagers to select one or two items from that particular menu that they would like to sample. Take a poll and see which menu items are the most popular.

Follow this up with a memory activity. Collect the menus and see how many teenagers can remember the prices for various dishes or if they can recall the names of some of the dishes if you read the ingredients aloud.

Menus make fine travel companions, and you can use this activity on the bus, at the airport, or between stops.