

Prepare for {IELTS}

Describe an unusual meal you have had

You should say:

- Who you were with
- Where you went
- When it happened
- And explain why it was unusual

When it comes to an unusual meal I've had, the first one that came to mind was when I was holidaying in Italy. It was not the food that was weird, it was the location. I was travelling with a group of mates, well as a matter of fact, apart from one of them, they weren't friends, they were classmates because we were on a school trip. Anyway, we were looking for somewhere to eat in a stunningly beautiful town in the mountains. Everyone was fed up because we were shattered after the long journey to get there and starving because we hadn't eaten for ages.

One of the group saw a McDonalds and suggested going in there. Although I was famished and worn out, I didn't want to go in an American chain; we were in Italy and, therefore, I wanted to get the taste and flavour of Italy.

Without the rest of the group realising, **my friend and I just carried on walking** and **separated** from them. We walked towards **the outskirts of the town**, as in **tourist hotspots** the restaurants **generally** serve food that tourists want and not the food that **the locals** eat. **As** we were in Italy, **a country renowned for its cuisine**, we wanted to try something **authentic**.

Suddenly, we saw a group of people going into a **tiny** building, with no **sign** outside **so** we decided to follow them. When we got inside, we saw a very **rustic** but **cosy** place and **we were invited** to sit down. There were no **menus**, but within seconds, bread appeared on our table. **This was quickly followed by** all kinds of traditional Italian dishes. The food was **incredible**. **The tastes and textures** were **astounding**. **It made me realise** that you do not need to be in **a fancy restaurant**; this meal is **by far the best** I've ever had and it was in the strangest of places – it looked like **a garden shed**!