

DESSERT OR THE DESERT?

Samantha and Diana took me out to dinner yesterday evening to celebrate the launch of my blog. We went to a very fancy restaurant.



I was really enjoying my meal until it was time for dessert, and I looked at the menu.

On the menu it said 'DESERT'. Underneath the word 'DESERT' were the names of some foods that I usually love to eat: chocolate ice cream, blueberry cheesecake and apple pie. As you know, these foods are normally what you might have for DESSERT.

I was really not too sure what to make of this. I believed the desert to be a dry, hot, sandy place. Desserts, on the other hand, are sweet things that you eat after your main meal (although I am sometimes naughty and eat desserts between my meals). What if the word 'DESERT' on the menu meant that all the sweet foods had come

from a dry, hot, sandy desert? 'DESERT' might be short for 'DESSERT FROM THE DESERT'.



I thought about the foods that I had seen on the menu. I thought that chocolate ice cream should be cold. If it had been in a hot place, it would have melted, so I decided that it would be better not to have that. Blueberry cheesecake can be quite sticky. If it had been in a sandy place, there might be sand stuck all over the cheesy filling, so I thought it would be better not to have that. Then I thought about apple pie. I really love apple pie, but I thought that if it had come from a dry place, the filling would not be juicy, and the pie crust would be dry, and it would be better not to have that.

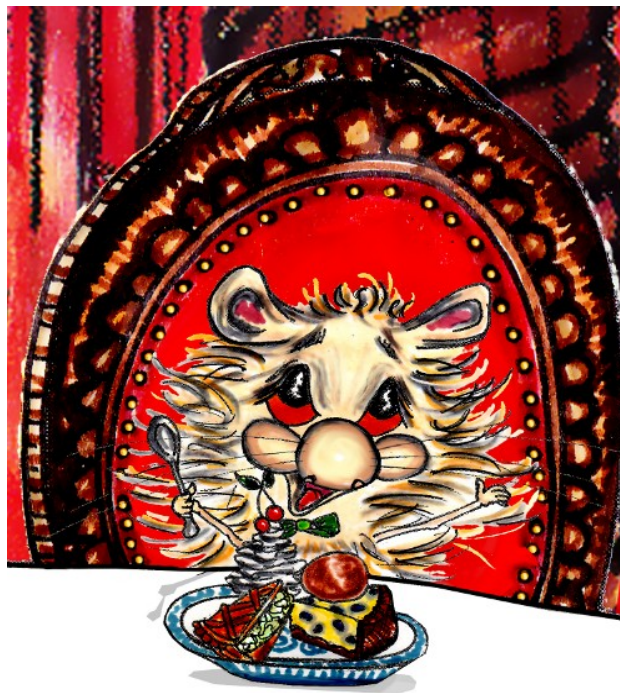


I almost cried as I told Samantha and Diana that I did not want to have any dessert. They were very surprised. They know that I would never pass up the chance to have chocolate ice cream, blueberry cheesecake or apple pie, so they asked me if I was full up. I explained to them that on the menu it said 'DESERT' and if the desserts had been in a dry, hot, sandy desert, I did not think they would taste very nice at all.

They both started laughing. They laughed so hard they were holding their sides and tears rolled down their faces. Diana said, "Harrison, you've just spotted a spelling mistake on the menu! They have just missed out an 's' in the word 'DESSERT' and have written 'DESERT' instead. They make the desserts in the kitchen in the back of the restaurant, not in the desert."

I did feel a bit silly, but it would have been even sillier to let that stop me from having a lovely dessert, so I decided that I would order the blueberry cheesecake. Samantha had the chocolate ice cream and Diana had the apple pie.

I am pleased to report that my cheesecake was delicious and was not sandy at all, and Samantha and Diana told me that their desserts tasted just perfect. To be truthful, I had a little spoonful of Samantha's ice cream, and a bite of Diana's pie, just to check. To be completely and utterly truthful, I had a scoop of ice cream and a slice of pie, as I wanted to check as thoroughly as possible.



I guess that the moral of this blog post is that it is a good idea to spell very carefully. Some spelling mistakes can really change the meaning of what you write. People might not understand what you mean, and that is just not a good reason for anyone to miss out on a perfectly lovely ~~desert~~ dessert.

Bye for now!

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