

Ordering Pizza
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Hungry Caller: Hello! Is this Charltonham's best pizza chain?

Phone Operator: It sure is! I take it you want an Evil Hawaiian?

Hungry Caller: How did you know?

Phone Operator: Ha! This store sells hundreds every day!

HC: Of course. I bet you do.

PO: So, you're ordering pizza with pineapples, ham and extra chillies? Would you like any sides?

HC: Just chicken poppers, peppered and perfected potatoes, garlic super bread and all of your dips, please?

PO: No problem!

HC: So, how much will that cost then?

PO: Let me just work that out for you...

HC: I'm so excited!

PO: (Seriously) Ha. That's funny...

HC: What?

PO: It's just that... No. That can't be right...

HC: What??

PO: Give me a few seconds. I'll get back to you.

HC: Ok...

PO: (Heard faintly) Boss, I need you to take a look at this...

HC: What's going on?

Pizza Chain Boss: (heard in the distance) That can't be right. Check again...

HC: Hello?

PO: (Still heard faintly) Maybe if I use the calculator on my phone... .. No, there's no mistake.

PCB: (Faint, again) Oh my God. Let me talk to him.

HC: Hello?

PCB: Hello, Sir. I understand you're ordering a pizza?

HC: I'm trying to...

PCB: Please try not to be upset, but nothing like this has ever happened before.

HC: Like what??

PCB: Sir. Apparently your order comes to EXACTLY £27.

HC: Really? Exactly £27?

PCB: It seems that way, yes.

HC: Wow... I don't know what to say.

PCB: I understand that you're hungry, but I regret to say that because of THIS incident, we may have to close down. Perhaps permanently.

HC: Would it help if I bought another side?

PCB: Oh if only. It's too late now. £27 exactly? That's creepy.

HC: Maybe it's just a coincidence. I mean it was bound to happen at least once...

PCB: I'm sorry, but I may have to get the police involved. Don't worry, you're not in trouble, but obviously we can't have this situation happening again.

Phone Operator: (Heard in the background) I'm so sad to say this, but the unthinkable has happened. All cooks need to pack up and go home.

HC: Errr...

PCB: I'm not accusing you of anything, but did you try to spend that amount of money on purpose?

HC: What?? No!

PCB: Ok. Good. I hope you understand that this phone call is being recorded and may be used as evidence against you in only the very worst case scenario?

HC: Of course. Please accept my apologies.

PCB: Please accept mine. I can only suggest you try the pizza store next door.

HC: Will do, thanks.

Phone Operator: (Still in the background) Oh my God, Jerry has fainted.

PCB: Wait a second, please.

HC: ...

PCB: (In the distance one more time) PULL YOURSELVES TOGETHER!
WE NEED TO STAY CALM!

PO: (To the boss) What are we going to do? What are we going
to do??

HC: Er...

PCB: (To the caller) I don't mean to sound crude, but how
much?

HC: How much what??

PCB: To never tell anyone what's happened here?

HC: It's ok, I'm getting a pizza next door...

PCB: Ten thousand?

HC: Eh??

PCB: A hundred thousand.

HC: Please, I just want to go!

PCB: Two hundred thousand? My final offer...

HC: Bye!