

THE ACCIDENTAL CHEF



The Accidental Chef is a unique on-location game show that takes place in a real restaurant, where a guest or a group of restaurant guests are spontaneously challenged to “replace the chef” and prepare the dishes that the other guests ordered all without a recipe or preparation instructions, using only a photo of the final dish and the necessary ingredients. By return, the restaurant will offer them the bill of their table!

Genre:
Cooking - Game Show

Duration:
Daily, Daytime



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Every episode takes place at a different chef's restaurant and tells the chef's story. The show host picks a random contestant out of the restaurant's guests. The contestant and host then go to the kitchen where the challenge and rules of the game are explained.

The waiter takes the order from the table and bring it to the kitchen: only the course's name, final photo, and list of ingredients are shown to the contestant. From the moment the order goes through, the contestant must prepare and send out a dish, in a limited time.

The real chef is watching it all from a side room and shares their feelings about the culinary mistakes as well as personal tips for proper and correct cooking techniques.

The completed dish is served to the table, and both the host and the contestant observe the guest's reactions from the side. If the guest complains and returns the dish, the contestant is immediately disqualified. However, if the guest tells the server he is satisfied, the contestant moves on to the next course.

The contestant needs to prepare three courses – an appetizer, a main course, and a dessert.

For every successful dish, the contestant receives a predetermined cash prize. For the first and second rounds (appetizer and main course) the contestant can select a different table to take the order from. The last round (dessert) will be picked and served to the real restaurant chef.

The contestant can decide whether to continue or quit with the money they've earned so far, but only after completing the main course successfully.

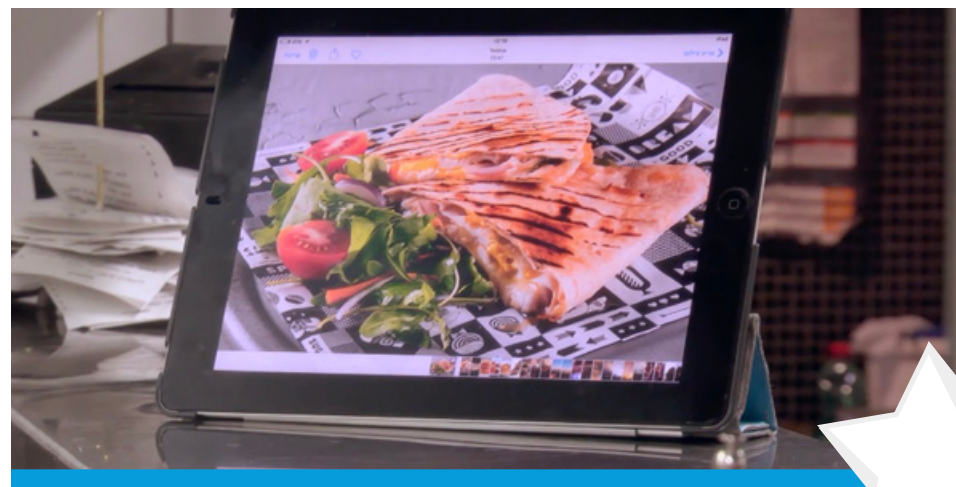


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Sample Breakdown of An Episode

- Opening: Introducing the episode's restaurant and its chef: introducing the chef and his/her résumé, including shots of the chef in the testimonial room
- Host opening
- The host sits at one of the tables and describes the game show without anyone knowing.
- Some of the tables refuse.
- The host has found a contestant. He/she takes him/her to the kitchen (in back or outdoor kitchen truck).
- At the cooking corner, the host explains the competition to the contestant, the rules and the fact that the judges are the diners who will be chosen by the contestants.
- The host and contestant go to the peeking station (window/kitchen service window) and select who to take the appetizer order from.
- The host and contestant return to the cooking corner, some small talk until the order is received, getting to know the contestant.
- The order comes up and the dish is revealed. The contestant's initial reaction to the name of the dish and what he/she thinks it's going to be.
- The chef's initial reaction to the selected dish from the testimonial room.
- Everything is set up in the cooking corner – the picture of the dish and its ingredients. The host explains the preparation rules to the contestant and offers him/her the "Switch Dish" help option. The contestant is confident and the host starts the challenge by tapping the serving bell.
- The contestant starts working, the clock is ticking. The host encourages him/her to talk about what he/she is thinking while obtaining more information about the contestant.
- The chef reacts to what the contestant is doing from the testimonial room.
- The host and server stand on the sidelines, watching the contestant at work. The host asks the server about the judge who placed the order, whether he/she is a regular customer, and they both wager on the contestant's chances.
- Tension as time comes to an end, final plating, comparison to the photo of the original dish and... time's up. The host rings the bell again.
- The server collects the dish and wishes the contestant luck.
- The chef reacts to the dish from the testimonial room.
- The host and contestant go to the corner to peek while the server serves the dish to the table.
- The customer reacts, tastes the dish. The contestant and the host try to guess whether the judge liked the dish or not based on his/her reaction.
- The server returns to the judge and asks whether the dish is satisfactory. They conduct a discussion. The contestant and host do not hear what is being said, they try to guess what the guest is saying... The server ends the conversation, turns to the peeking corner and gives the host and contestant a Thumbs Up.



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- Excited reactions from the contestant and host. They go back to the cooking corner.
- The host gives the contestant the money and places it on the scale, explaining the rules of withdrawal with the money and the option for the “Chef’s Tip” help.
- The host offers the contestant help and goes to “check out” the hosting area. The host mingles among the diners (potential judges), asking them how they are and comically trying to find out “what kind of food mood are they in today”.
- The host meets the contestant at the peeking corner, shows him/her people whose order he/she thinks he/she can predict. Following consultations, the contestant selects a judge.
- The host and contestant return to the cooking corner, anxiously waiting for the order to come up.
- The order comes up and the dish is revealed. The contestant’s initial reaction to the name of the dish and what he/she thinks it’s going to be.
- The chef’s initial reaction to the selected dish from the testimonial room.
- Everything is set up in the cooking corner – the picture of the dish and its ingredients. The host repeats the preparation rules to the contestant and offers him/her the “Switch Dish” help option, launching the challenge by tapping the serving bell.
- The contestant starts working, the clock is ticking.
- The host leaves the kitchen and sits down at the contestant’s table, talks to the other guests at the table and gets more interesting information about the contestant.
- The contestant continues with the preparation.
- The host returns to the kitchen, pressuring the contestant for time.
- Time is up, the host rings the bell again.
- The server collects the dish and wishes the contestant luck.
- The chef reacts to the dish from the testimonial room.
- The host and contestant go to the corner to peek while the server serves the dish to the table.
- The customer reacts, tastes the dish: tension. The contestant and the host try to guess whether the judge liked the dish or not based on his/her reaction.
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- Excited reactions from the contestant and host. They go back to the cooking corner.
- The host gives the contestant the money and places it on the scale, explaining about the withdrawal point or lets him/her go on to the final stage – a dessert selected by the chef, which will also be served to the chef for the taste test.
- The chef presents the selected dish to the viewers, its style and uniqueness.
- The contestant smiles and withdraws.
- They part as friends; the contestant takes the money and happily returns to the table.
- A new round begins with a new table and new contestant...



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