Read and translate the text:

**BUSINESS LUNCH**

* a lunch with other business people or customers where business is discussed.

On weekdays, some cafes or restaurants offer business lunch and in the evenings they hold festive events with music or private parties in the hall for banquets.

The business lunch. Some love it, some hate it, but like it or not, it can be a very strategic using of time and can lead to more **benefits** than **cons**. We spend a lot of time having meetings and calls with a specific purpose, coaching or training an employee, making a plan with a colleague, etc. The business lunch allows us **to get away from the typical scene** in a potential new restaurant, **a change of scenery**, and a more personal setting where we can **enhance the business relationship**. Let’s face it: effective business relationships benefit from knowing one another better. When we know one another, it **elevates the connection** and we want to work together more after finding this **common ground** and these interests we have in common. It humanizes us. The business lunch **takes pressure off**. Sharing a meal **brings out a sense of comfort**. So when we break bread with our professional contacts it **breaks down barriers** and forms a type of kinship.

Упражнения

1. Напишите перевод выделенных слов и выражений.
2. Ответьте на следующие вопросы:

Do you think lunches provide good opportunities to talk business? Why? Why not?

How is having a business lunch different from a standard meeting?

Are business lunches a common practice in our country? Why?

3. а) Образуйте предложения (4), выражающие вежливую просьбу, используя словосочетания по смыслу. Напишите перевод.

Model: **Will you** pay the bill? – Не желаете ли рассчитаться?

 Глаголы: Serve/bring/recommend.

 Местоимения: Me/us

Словосочетания: the menu, please?/a check, please?/Lunch for four?/something for a snack?

в) Образуйте предложения (5), выражающие желание говорящего, используя данные словосочетания. Напишите перевод.

Model: **I’d like to** pay my bill right now. - Я хотел бы оплатить счёт сейчас.

Have a cup of strong tea; have some cooling drink; order some ice-cream to coffee; add some sauce to my meat dish; have another helping of pancakes.

4.Сделайте заказ на бизнес-ланч. Напишите перевод:

–What can I do for you?

- Will you bring us …

- All right! What would you like for a drink?

- I’d like …………………, please.

-Anything for a sweet?

- …..

–Will you have one or separate bills?

- …..