Ceilia
Do you know who we've got in the restaurant tonight?

Gordon
A customer?

Ceilia
Yes, well... it's a VIP...

Peter
A 'V-I-P'... what's that?

Ceilia
A Very Important Person – it's the town mayor. I can't believe that he's decided to eat in our restaurant tonight.

Gordon
Yes, that's the type of top-notch customer I like to cook for. Royalty!

Mary
Well he's not royalty Gordon, but he is an important person so I'm going to give this plate an extra polish.

Peter
There's the order Gordon. He wants champagne too... I'll go and get some.

Ceilia
I hope you've sobered up after last week, and I hope you're going to pull out all the stops to make an excellent dish.

Gordon
Excellence is what I excel at Ceilia, you know that. Right let's get to work... wow, he wants the steak surprise. I can see this is a man with first-class taste.
Ceilia
Oh just get on with it Gordon.

Gordon
There, finished – perfect! Peter!

Mary
Well done Gordon… you really have gone above and beyond your usual standards.

Gordon
Peter, I want you to take this to the mayor. Any bad view he has of our restaurant will be blown right out of the water when he tastes this food. Well - what did he say?

Peter
He said we had 'exceeded his expectations'.

Gordon
Good, good.

Peter
Yes… we are even worse than he had expected. And also, he is a vegetarian, and has never eaten meat.

Gordon
But this order said steak surprise…

Peter
That one does… but this one says mushroom risotto.

Ceilia
Excellent!
Vocabulary

**top-notch**
high quality

**pull all the stops out**
make a big effort so that something is very successful

**excel at**
do something very well

**first-class**
best quality

**gone above and beyond**
done more than was expected

**blown right out of the water**
shown to be false

**exceeded his expectations**
be more extreme than what you thought would happen

Questions

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   HINT: Watch the episode again.
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   b) The Mayor
   c) A famous actor

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