BEER

"Whoever drinks beer, he is quick to sleep; whoever sleeps long, does not sin; whoever does not sin, enters Heaven! Thus, let us drink beer!"

Martin Luther (1483 – 1546), father of the Protestant Reformation

1. Beer Discussion

1. Do you like beer? Does it taste nice?
2. How is beer made? What are some of the ingredients?
3. What different types of beer can you think of? Which is your favourite?
4. Do you prefer craft beer or mass-produced commercial beer?
5. What famous brands of beer do you know about? How do you explain the popularity of American brands like Budweiser, Coors and Miller when they have little or no taste?
6. How popular is beer in your country? What are the most popular brands?
7. How often do you drink beer? Where do you like to drink beer?
8. What do you like to do while you drink beer?

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2. Beer Vocabulary

- **merry** (adjective) – *cheerful; slightly drunk but in a good-humoured way.*
- **boozer** (noun) – *British slang for a pub.*
- **sesh** (noun) – *British slang for a drinking session with friends.*
- **homebrew** (noun) – *beer made at home.*
- **beer belly** (noun) – *a fat stomach caused by excessive beer consumption.*
- **lager lout** (noun) – *British slang for a person, usually a young man, who acts in an aggressive or violent way due to being drunk.*

Using the vocabulary words above, complete the following sentences (remember to use the correct form of the word, e.g. verb conjugation or plural noun):

1. **Lager louts** caused chaos at the weekend as fights broke out between rival football fans.
2. I think I might have to order a water next; I'm starting to feel a bit **merry**!
3. I'm not feeling great today; I had an all-day **sesh** with my mates yesterday.
4. My village has a great **boozer** where all the locals go to drink with their friends.
5. We tried some of Kevin's **homebrew** last night, but I don't think he made it very well as we all got sick.
6. You'll have to start jogging every day if you want to lose that **beer belly**!

Beer vocabulary comprehension questions

1. Do you like to feel merry? Why or why not?
2. What's your favourite boozer?
3. Do you like to go to the pub for a sesh your friends? Why or why not?
4. Would you like to make homebrew? If so, what type of beer would you like to brew?
5. Why does beer give people beer bellies?
6. What do you think of lager louts? Do they exist in your country?

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3. Video: The Decline of the British Pub

You are going to watch a video by CNBC called ""British pubs are disappearing - here's why."

Watch the video here: https://yourenglishpal.com/blog/esl-conversation-lesson-plan-beer/

While you watch the video, answer the following questions:

Multiple choice

1. Which of the following is not a British cultural icon?

   a) the pub *b) the Queen* ***c) Little Ben***

2. How many pubs have disappeared in the last 35 years?

   a) a half *b) a third* ***c) a quarter***

3. How many London districts experienced an increase in the number of pubs since 2000?

   a) 1 *b) 32* *c) 33*

4. What has been the main cause of pub closures in London?

   a) tax increases ***b) property prices*** *c) a change in taste*

Sentence completion

5. Fewer people are going to pubs because the home environment is more **comfortable**.
6. The British Beer & Pub Association is running a campaign to match beer with **food**.
7. Increased **taxes** on alcohol have affected the price of beer.
8. Since 2010, the number of **independently** owned pubs has increased.

Short answer

9. What do pub tenants get in return for paying inflated prices from a beer company? **Lower rent**
10. According to critics, what is restricted between alcohol providers in the beer tie model? **Choice and competition**
11. Who have been hit hard by new rules that changed the relationship between landlords and tenants? **Large pub groups**
12. How many pubs does Ei Group own? **More than 5,000**

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4. Beer Conversation Questions

1. How important is beer for a country's culture? How important are pubs for the local community?
2. How old do you need to be to buy beer in your country? When did you first try beer?
3. What food goes well with beer?
4. Which countries are famous for having the best beer? Which nationalities do you think drink the most beer?
5. If a British pint is 568ml, an American pint is 478ml, and a European 'pint' is 500ml, where would you prefer to buy a pint? Why?
6. Would you like to go to Oktoberfest in Munich? Are there any Oktoberfest events in your country?
7. How does beer affect people's health? What happens when people drink too much beer? Which beer gives the worst hangovers?
8. What is your opinion on putting a lime wedge in a bottle of beer? Does this improve the flavour, or is it an abomination that should be made illegal?

5. Beer Writing Task

Write about your opinion of beer. Try to use some of the vocabulary you learned earlier in this lesson. In your answer, you could include some of the following topics:

- Your favourite type of beer.
- When you like to drink beer.
- The importance of beer for national culture.

Alternative exam practice question:

The local pub has been an important foundation in my communities across Britain. Today, however, this historic institution finds itself in decline as more and more pubs close. What are the reasons for the decline in the pub industry, and what solutions can you think of for this problem?

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