



At the Bar

Conversation > Intermediate 5



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

cheers	A word people use when they lift their glasses, before they start to drink.
[interjection]	<i>Ex: Cheers to our successful presentation!</i>

intelligent	Smart, clever.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: She's an intelligent woman.</i>

replacement	The thing or person that replaces something or someone.
[noun]	<i>Ex: We need a replacement for this old, out-of-date camera.</i>

know the ropes	To know how to do a job properly, to understand all the details of a job.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: I am enjoying my new job now that I know the ropes.</i>



hangover	The headache and feeling of sickness that you get the day after you have drunk too much alcohol.
[noun]	<i>Ex: I experienced my worst hangover after your party.</i>

approachable	Friendly, easy to talk to.
[adjective]	<i>Ex: My professor in my major subject is very approachable.</i>

in moderation	Not too much.
[phrase]	<i>Ex: You should eat and drink in moderation.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

Lea: David, would you like another beer?

David: Sure, thanks. By the way, have you met our new boss?

Lea: Yes! I was at the meeting last Monday when she was introduced to the employees. Weren't you there?

David: No, I wasn't able to attend the meeting. How do you find her?

Lea: Well, she seemed to have good knowledge of sales management and seemed approachable and smart.

David: That's good to know. A boss should know the ropes in order to do the job well.



Lea: I think she's a very good replacement for our previous boss.

David: I'm glad to hear that we might finally have a skillful and intelligent leader.

Lea: Cheers to our new boss!

David: Cheers, Lea!

Lea: Let's make sure that we drink in moderation today.

David: Yeah, we cannot afford to have a hangover tomorrow.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

Cheers

replacement

in moderation

approachable

hangover

know the ropes

intelligent

1. He's so _____. He knows everything!
2. They soon found a _____ for him.
3. I still don't _____. I need more experience!
4. It's so easy to talk to her, she's very _____.
5. My head hurts, I think I have a _____.
6. It's important to drink _____. We don't want to get drunk!
7. _____ to our marriage!



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: You are at a bar with your friend John, talk about interesting or sad things. The teacher can be John.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. Do you think smoking should be prohibited in bars? Why? Why not?
2. Do you think you could enjoy going to a bar by yourself? Why? Why not?
3. Do you like to go to the bar with your co-workers? If so, how often do you go?
4. Do you think complaining about work while drinking is a good way to relieve one's stress?
5. Have you ever experienced an awful hangover? Please share your experience.