

At the Bar

Exercise 1

Vocabulary

cheers

Interjection

/tʃɪrz/ a word people use when they lift their glasses, before they start to drink

Cheers to our successful presentation!

smart

Adjective

/smɑːrt/ intelligent, clever

She's a smart, young woman.

replacement

Noun

/rɪˈpleɪsmənt/ the thing or person that replaces something or someone

We need a replacement for this old, out-of-date camera.

know the ropes

Phrase

/nou ðə ruːps/ to know how to do a job properly, to understand all the details of a job

I am enjoying my new job now that I know the ropes.

hangover

Noun

/'hæŋ,ʊvər/

the headache and feeling of sickness that you get the day after you have drunk too much alcohol

I experienced my worst hangover after your party.

approachable

Adjective

/əˈprəʊtʃəbəl/ friendly, easy to talk to

My professor in my major subject is very approachable.

in moderation

Phrase

/ɪn ˌmɔːdə'reɪʃn/ not too much

You should eat and drink in moderation.

Exercise 2

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Ling and James talk about their new boss.

Ling



James, would you like another beer?

James



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

Ling



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

James



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

Ling



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

James



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

Ling



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

James



I'm glad to hear that we might finally have a skillful leader.

Ling



Cheers to our new boss!

James



Cheers! Let's make sure that we drink in moderation today. We cannot afford to have a hangover tomorrow.

Ling



Alright!

Check your understanding:

1. Who had the chance to meet the new boss?
2. What is James glad about?
3. Why did James suggest drinking moderately?

Exercise 3

Listening Comprehension

Listen to your teacher read the text then choose the correct answers to the questions.

1. Where did Carol and Paul have this conversation?
 - A. Carol and Paul talked at a bar.
 - B. Carol and Paul talked at a restaurant.
2. What does Carol think about their new boss?
 - A. Carol thinks he knows all the ropes and that he is good.
 - B. She thinks that the new boss is not as good as the old one.
3. What is Paul's opinion of the new boss?

- A. Paul thinks that their new boss is just as good as their previous one.
- B. He hopes that the new boss just needs some time to learn the ropes.

4. What do Carol and Paul agree on in the end?

- A. Carol and Paul agreed that they should have a few more drinks.
- B. They came to an agreement that they will not work hard.

Exercise 4

Role Play

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

Situation

- You are at a bar with a friend.
- Your teacher will act as your friend.
- Talk about interesting or sad things that have happened to you lately.

Exercise 5

Discussion

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? Why? Why not?
5. Have you ever experienced an awful hangover? Please share your experience.