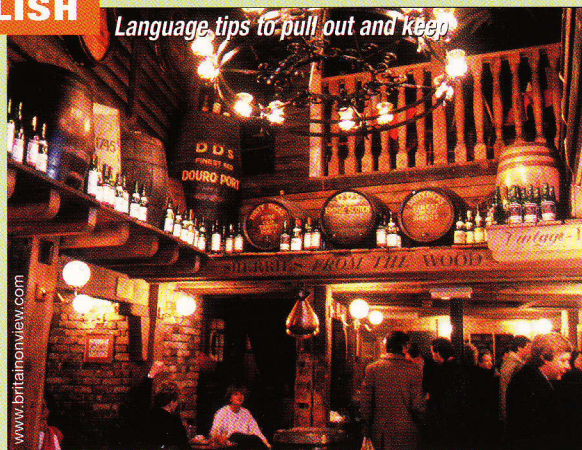


# LANGUAGE

## EVERYDAY ENGLISH

Language tips to pull out and keep



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## At the pub

If you know Peggy's Place (see page 41), then you know what goes on in a British pub. But do you know the typical words and expressions people use when buying drinks for themselves and others? Study the following scenes and find out.

### 1. Two pints of Pedigree

Trevor meets his friend Richard at **The Red Lion**.

Trevor: Hi, Rich!

Richard: **Hiya!**

Trevor: How're you doing?

Richard: Oh, not too bad.

Trevor: **What are you having**, Rich?

Richard: Pedigree, please.

**Landlord:** Yes, please?

Trevor: Two **pints of Pedigree**, please.

Landlord: Anything else?

Trevor: No, that's it, thanks.

Landlord: OK. That's **£4.40**, please.

**Tip!** There are a number of typical names for pubs (short for "public houses"), such as The Red Lion, The Crown, The Royal Oak and The Swan.

**Tip!** "Hiya!" is a greeting used with people you know well.

**Tip!** When Trevor says "What are you having?", it is clear to Richard that Trevor is going to pay for his drink.

**Tip!** A landlord or landlady owns or manages a pub.

**Tip!** Beer is sold in pints [paints] and half-pints. 1 pint = 0.57 litre.

**Tip!** Trevor orders bitter, a darker type of beer normally referred to by its trade name, e.g. "London Pride".

**Tip!** In Britain, you order your drinks at the bar and pay for them immediately.

### 2. I'd better have a tray

It's Sunday lunchtime. Michael and his family have gone to The Two Brewers.

Barwoman: Hello! Are you being served?

Michael: No. **Half a lager**, a pint of London Pride and two **lemon and limes**, please.

Barwoman: Would you like ice with **those**?

Michael: No, thanks, but straws would be great. Oh, yes, and two packets of **cheese and onion crisps**, please.

Barwoman: **There you go!**

Michael: Mmm, **we're outside**, so I think I'd better have a tray.

**Tip!** Instead of saying "half a pint of ...", people usually say "half a ..." or "a half of ...".

**Tip!** "Lager" is light-coloured beer served chilled.

**Tip!** Michael's children are drinking lemon and lime, which is lemonade with lime juice.

**Tip!** When the barwoman says "those", she is referring to the lemon and limes.

**Tip!** It is common for people to eat crisps or peanuts with their drinks. Most pubs have restaurant facilities, too.

**Tip!** People sometimes say "there you go" when they give you something.

**Tip!** Children under the age of 14 are not allowed to enter pubs without an adult.

### 3. Whose round is it?

A group of four students are sitting in their **local**, The Beech Tree.

Steve: **Who's** for a game of darts?

Vicki: **Are you kidding?** By the look of you, you wouldn't even be able to see the board!

Steve: Hey, have you been counting my drinks?

Emma: No, but we've been watching your eyes get smaller and smaller.

Steve: Very funny. **Whose round is it** anyway?

Emma: Not mine. I got the last one.

Adrian: It's mine. **Same again**, Steve?

**Tip!** A "local" is a pub in your neighbourhood that you go to regularly.

**Tip!** Don't mix up "who's" and "whose" (see title of scene).

**Tip!** You say "Are you kidding?" when you do not believe something or when you disagree with something that somebody has said: "Are you kidding? You want to go for a walk in this weather?"

**Tip!** "It's my round" means "I'll buy the drinks".

**Tip!** "Same again?" means "Would you like the same drink again?"



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### 4. Come and join us

William and Debbie have gone to The Flying Horse. Suddenly they notice Kevin and Viviane.

William: Hi, Kev! How are you doing?

Kevin: Very well. **Come and join us!**

Debbie: God, we haven't seen you for ages! **What have you been up to?**

Viviane: Oh, keeping busy.

William: **Cheers!**

Kevin: Cheers! In fact, we've just come back from holiday.

Debbie: Oh, really? Where were you?

Viviane: In Ireland. It was so **lovely and relaxing** there.

**Tip!** When Kevin says "come and join us", he means "sit at our table".

**Tip!** "What have you been up to?" is an informal way of saying "What have you been doing?"

**Tip!** The word "cheers" can mean "thank you" and "good-bye", but here it is used to express good wishes before drinking.

**Tip!** "Lovely and relaxing" does not mean "it was lovely and it was relaxing", but "it was very relaxing".

### 5. One for the road?

It's 10.30 in the evening. Darren and Gloria are sitting in The Ship with Gavin and Cathy.

Landlady: **Last orders**, please! Last orders!

Darren: **One for the road?**

Gloria: **Who's driving?**

Darren: You, I hope!

Gavin: I think we'll be off.

Cathy: Oh, yeah! Look at the time!

Darren: OK. **Mind how you go.**

Gloria: Take care.

Gavin: See you, then.

Cathy: **I'll give you a buzz**, Gloria.

**Tip!** The landlord or landlady shouts "last orders" half an hour before the pub closes.

**Tip!** "One for the road" is a drink you have quickly before you leave a place.

**Tip!** Darren hopes Gloria will drive so that he can have another drink. In Britain, it is a serious offence to drive a car when the level of alcohol in the blood exceeds 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres.

**Tip!** "Mind how you go" is an informal way of saying "take care".

**Tip!** "I'll give you a buzz" means "I'll ring you".

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## EXERCISES

### 1. Is it the name of a beer or the name of a pub?

a) 6X

b) The White Horse

c) Flowers

d) The Bottle and Glass

### 2. Which word is it? The first letter is given.

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|---|----------------|
| a) You use it to carry several glasses.     | <b>t</b> _____ |
| b) You eat this snack with your beer.       | <b>c</b> _____ |
| c) A thin plastic tube used for drinking.   | <b>s</b> _____ |
| d) You put this in a drink to cool it down. | <b>i</b> _____ |
| e) You buy beer in this quantity.           | <b>p</b> _____ |

### 4. Form five common expressions.

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|---------------|------------|
| a) cheese and | 1. cards   |
| b) a game of  | 2. lager   |
| c) lovely and | 3. onion   |
| d) a pint of  | 4. join me |
| e) come and   | 5. quiet   |

### 3. Which sentence follows the question?

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|--------------------------|---|
| a) Are you being served? | 1. Yours!   |
| b) Whose round is it?    | 2. That would be lovely. A pint of lager, please. |
| c) What are you having?  | 3. No, that's everything, thanks.                 |
| d) Same again?           | 4. Oh, a lemon and lime, please.                  |
| e) Anything else?        | 5. No. Can I have a gin and tonic, please?        |

### 5. Which sentences have the same meaning?

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| a) How are you?    | 1. Come and join us!      |
| b) Sit here!       | 2. We'll be off.          |
| c) We'll ring you. | 3. Mind how you go.       |
| d) We're going.    | 4. How are you doing?     |
| e) Take care.      | 5. We'll give you a buzz. |