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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## News Review

### Minimum alcohol price

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#### **BBC Radio 4**

##### **The story**

A minimum unit price for alcohol has come into force in Scotland.

The Scottish government believes it will reduce the harm caused by excessive drinking – leading to fewer hospital admissions and alcohol-related deaths.

##### **Vocabulary unfolded**

alcoholic drink

- It was difficult to get up today. There was a lot of booze at last night's party.
- Too much boozing can lead to serious health problems

##### **calls time on**

announces the end of an activity

- Neil's called time on using the internet. He's had enough of it.
- Environmentalists say we have to call time on fossil fuels.

##### **day of reckoning**

a time when you have to deal with a past mistake

- Catherine had a day of reckoning with her garden after the weeds started to take over.
- Some people say social media's day of reckoning will happen soon.

##### **Language challenge**

The pub is a British institution. What is 'pub' short for?

- a) public drinking
- b) public house
- c) public bar

**Answer**

b) public house