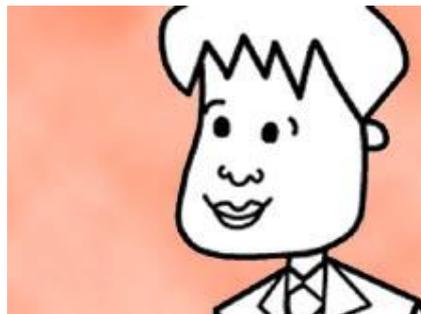


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Most people in the UK drink in pubs with their family and friends. They usually drink beer, wine, spirits or soft (non-alcoholic drinks).

Beer can be **lager** (fizzy and light) or **bitter** (non-fizzy and dark).

Amount or container	Drink
A bottle of	beer
A pint of	lager
A half-pint of	bitter
A half of	shandy

Wine is usually served in pubs by the glass but you can also order a bottle to share with friends.

Wine can be described by its colour (**red, white or rosé**) and its taste (**sweet or dry**). Wine is usually non-fizzy but **champagne** is fizzy white wine.

Amount or container	Drink
A bottle of	wine
A glass of	champagne
A large glass of	dry white wine

Spirits (**whisky, gin, vodka, rum** etc.) are usually ordered by the glass or by the measure (a single or a double) but never by the bottle in a pub.

Spirits can be ordered with a mixer (**water, lemonade, etc.**), just with ice or sometimes with nothing at all.

Amount	Drink	Mixer
A	whisky	
A large	vodka	and coke
A double	rum	with ice

### Vocabulary:

**A shandy (n):** A drink made by mixing lager with lemonade

**To buy a round (v):** Often when people are in a group, each person takes it in turn to buy drinks for everyone in the group. You can say: **It's my/your/her/his round**

**Addressing people informally:** If people know each other very well or if one person is much older than the other one, you might hear them addressing each other informally using **love, dear, hen, or pet**. But it's not usually appropriate for a man to use these terms with a woman, in the way that Tim does with Alice.

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