

How to order a round in a pub

Learn some words and phrases for ordering drinks in a busy pub.

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the task. You can read the transcript at any time.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–f) with the vocabulary (1–6).

Vocabulary

1. a pint
2. a bitter
3. to buy a round
4. a half (plural: halves)
5. persistence
6. a lager

Definitions

- a. to buy drinks for a group of people
- b. continuing to do something even though it is difficult
- c. about half a litre (568ml)
- d. a pale, golden-coloured beer with bubbles
- e. a darker, copper-coloured beer without bubbles
- f. a half-pint

Task 1

Put the words and phrases in order to make sentences.

1. me! Excuse
2. please. lager, Two of pints
3. Yes, it. I'm that's sure
4. that? is much How
5. two of bitter I'd like and a pint please. halves of lager,
6. keep change. Cheers – the

Discussion

Where do you find it difficult to place an order?

Transcript

Woman: Excuse me! ... Excuse me! ... No ...

Man: Always busy here on a Friday night!

Woman: *(to barman)* Sorry! Could I just have a ...

Man: Patience and persistence!

Woman: Ahh, finally. Yes, erm, OK, I'd like a beer, please! Sorry? What kind? *(Man rolls eyes)* A beer? Erm, lager, please. Yeah, that will do. Sorry, what? Half-pint or a pint? *(To man)* How big is a pint?

Man: *(gestures with hands)*

Woman: Yes. OK. A pint.

Man: OK, great, I'd like a ...

Woman: Oh, sorry. Two pints of lager, please.

Man: OK, great. I'll have ...

Woman: Oh ... and a packet of crisps. *(To man)* Sorry. *(To barman)* What flavour? Erm, let me just check. *(Turns round and shouts)* What flavour? *(Turns back)* Cheese and onion.

Man: OK, give me ...

Woman: And a glass of wine. Red, please. Yes, I'm sure that's it. Thank you. How much is that? *(starts to look for wallet)* Let me just check my wallet. I've got five, and that's another, six.

Man: *(with note already in hand)* OK, great. I'd like a pint of bitter and two halves of lager, please. Cheers – keep the change. *(To woman)* That's how it's done!

Answers

Preparation task

1. c
2. e
3. a
4. f
5. b
6. d

Task 1

1. Excuse me!
2. Two pints of lager, please.
3. Yes, I'm sure that's it.
4. How much is that?
5. I'd like a pint of bitter and two halves of lager, please.
6. Cheers – keep the change.