

UNIT 46

## Making a Toast/ Exiting a Party



### I. Express Yourself



### II. Vocabulary

Read and familiarize yourself with the following word/s or phrases.

attention

toast

honor

anniversary

engagement

### III. Conversation Practice

Practice the conversation with your teacher by doing a role play.

**Steve:** Ladies and Gentlemen, can I have your attention, please? If you will allow me, I would like to make a brief toast to our wonderful host this evening. It's my honor to be celebrating their 10- year anniversary with them. Their company has succeeded despite difficult market conditions and the future looks bright. Please raise your glass and wish them continued success.

<Everyone is making a toast. >

<After the speech>

**Liz:** Steve, thanks very much for the kind words.

**Steve:** My pleasure. I enjoy working with everyone at your firm.

**Liz:** We feel the same way. Enjoy the party.

**Steve:** Unfortunately, I must be leaving; I have another engagement to attend.

**Liz:** Well, thanks very much for coming and let's get together soon.

**Steve:** That would be great. I'll give you a call.

#### Comprehension Check

1. What are they celebrating?
2. What did Steve say in his speech about the host of the party?
3. What is Steve's reason for leaving the party early?



<p><b>Can I have your attention, please?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Could/ May I have your attention, please?</li> <li>- Excuse me for a moment.</li> <li>- Attention, please.</li> <li>- Will/ Would you please excuse me for a moment.</li> </ul>
<p><b>I must be leaving.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- I must be going.</li> <li>- I have to leave/ go now.</li> <li>- I should get going.</li> <li>- I've got to go.</li> </ul>
<p><b>I have another engagement to attend.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ...another appointment</li> <li>- ...another commitment</li> <li>- I have urgent business to take care of.</li> <li>- I have some errands.</li> </ul>

**IV. Exercises**

**Exercise A**

**Vocabulary Building**

Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the box.

attention      toast      honor      anniversary      engagement

1. We will celebrate our wedding \_\_\_\_\_ on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October.
2. I'm afraid I can't join you on that day. I have another \_\_\_\_\_ overseas.
3. The instructor will read the directions once. You should pay \_\_\_\_\_ to what he says.
4. Thank you for inviting me. It's my \_\_\_\_\_ to be a part of this grand event.
5. I was asked to give a \_\_\_\_\_ at our college reunion last week.

 Exercise B

Think of three situations for needing to leave a party early. Then, with your teacher, practice the situations, expanding on your reasons with different expressions.

REASON	EXAMPLE STATEMENT
Example: <u>You have an early flight tomorrow.</u>	<u>As much as I would like to stay longer in this party, I'm afraid I have an early flight tomorrow and I still need to prepare.</u>
1.	
2.	
3.	

 Exercise C

Choose one topic below and make an impromptu speech for 1-2 minutes.

How to improve your English skills

The best way to learn a language

Why is learning the English language important?

The most difficult part of learning English

 ROLEPLAY

**You are celebrating your company's annual party. As the manager, you are asked to make a toast.**

