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How to Order at a Bar

The aim of this lesson is to make the students use the key vocabulary and target expressions in a more natural manner.

Language Point

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| I can do that. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - You bet. - You got it. - Coming right up. |
| One minute | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - one moment - one second - just a moment |
| How ya doing today? |  |
| When I get a chance | |

Key vocabulary

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| preference | Absolut Vodka | straight up | twist |
| stir | tab | either A or B | |

Part 1

I. INTRODUCTION

Bars are often **packed with people**, especially on Friday nights. Some people head to bars to mingle with others and relax after a stressful day at work, while others just want to **get drunk** and **paint the town red**.



II. PRESENTATION

A. Expressions

| | Questions: |
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| I can do that. | ▪ Do you tend to drink a lot? |
| One minute | ▪ What would you do if a bartender forgot to serve your drink in a crowded bar? |
| How ya doing today? | ▪ Have you ever run into an old friend at a bar? |

B. Dialogue

Practice the dialogues with your teacher.

1. At a Quiet Bar

Bartender: Hi, how ya doing today?

Ian: I'm good, thanks.

Bartender: What can I get you?

Ian: How about a vodka martini?

Bartender: I can do that. How do you like it? Any vodka preference?

Ian: Absolut Vodka is fine. Can I get it straight up, shaken not stirred, with a twist?

Bartender: Absolutely.

Ian: And run a tab please. It's been a long day, so I'll need more than one.

Bartender: Will do, I feel your pain.

2. At a Crowded Bar

Ian: When you get a chance.

Bartender: Sure, one minute.

Bartender: Okay, what can I get you?

Ian: Thanks. I need two Brooklyn Lagers, one whisky soda and one cosmopolitan, on the rocks.

Bartender: Here you go. That's \$52.

Ian: Thanks. Amex okay?

Bartender: No. Either Mastercard or Visa.

Ian: Okay, Visa.

Q & A!



- Do you think there should be more bars in the area where you live?
- In your opinion, at what age should a person be allowed to enter a bar?
- What kind of people frequent a bar?

Part 2

III. PRACTICE

Use the newly learned vocabulary and expressions in the following practice exercises.

A. Bar Encounters

Directions: Express your opinion about the following topics.



Give three reasons why brawls sometimes occur at a bar.



You notice a man looking at a drunk woman at the bar. Later on, you see him putting some powder in her drink without her noticing.

Would you intervene in the situation or not? Explain your answer.

B. Let's Talk!

Directions: Choose the drink you would order if:

- you wanted to drink alone
- you wanted to meet and mingle with strangers at the bar
- you wanted to forget your problems temporarily
- you wanted to celebrate with friends



Negroni



Dry Martini



Whiskey



Beer



Barbados Cocktail



Tequila

C. Role-Play

Role-Play



It is Friday night and you feel like chilling at the bar. Go to the bar counter and ask the bartender to prepare you a stress-relieving drink.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.