

Socializing 08:

Going Out for a Drink with Your Co-worker

Practice 1 | Useful Expressions

Directions: Listen and repeat.

- **foot the bill** - to be responsible for paying the cost of something
- **split the bill, go Dutch** - to pay for something equally; to share the expenses equally
- **You're/I'm/He's buying.**
- **It's my treat.**
- **Another round please.** - expression to ask for more drink, etc.
- **Let's split the bill!**
- **Let's go Dutch.**
- **Bartender, another round.**
- **Let's go out for a drink.**
- **put it on my tab** - to pay all at once later
- **Heavy drinking** - drinking a lot

Practice 2 | Dialogue

Directions: Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Jackson just got a promotion and he wants to go out for some drinks with a co-worker in order to celebrate.

Jackson : Hey John, are you doing anything after work?

John : Just walking home, since my car is in the service shop.

Jackson : Even better. What do you say we **go out for some drinks**?

John : Sure, why not? **Are you buying** or are we **splitting the bill**?

Jackson : Don't worry. **It's my treat.**

John : You mean you will **foot the bill**? What's the occasion?

Jackson : I just got that promotion I've been waiting forever to get.

John : Congratulations! **That really is something to drink for.**

Jackson : Yes, my friend, it is. **This calls for a celebration!**

(Several hours later...They're having a fun time.)

John : I'm proud of having such a nice co-worker like you!

Jackson : Waiter, **another round** for me and my friend. And **keep them coming.**

Check your understanding: Answer the following questions.

1. Why was John walking home after work?
2. Why did Jackson ask John to go out for some drinks?
3. Who was paying for the drinks?

Practice 3 | Role Play

Directions: Have a role play with your teacher in the following situation.

Situation

You feel like going out with the guys/girls tonight for a drink. Ask them out.

Expressions:

- Would you like to go out for some drinks?
- We can split the bill.
- It's my treat.
- I'll foot the bill.

Practice 4 | Discussion

Directions: Discuss these topics and exchange thoughts with your teacher.

1. Have you ever gone out for a drink with a co-worker? If so, how often do you go out for a drink?
2. How do you usually pay for a drink?
3. Have you ever celebrated with co-workers and bought them a round of drinks?
4. Is there a custom in your company to go out after hours and socialize?
5. Do you prefer going out in a small group or a large one?