

NIGHTLIFE

"In nightlife you can do anything you want, because that is the fantasy life, the opposite of your daily life."

Eddy de Clercq, Flemish-Dutch DJ

1. Nightlife Discussion

1. What are some common reasons why people have nights out?
2. What is there to do at night where you live? What are the best pubs, bars and clubs? What is the difference between these venues? Which do you prefer for a night out? What other activities can you do at night?
3. How often do you have a night out? Where do you like to go? When was your last night out? How was it?
4. Where are the best places in your city to see live music? What type of music do they play? Have you been to any of these places?
5. What are your favourite drinks on a night out? What are some famous cocktails you know about? Which are your favourites?
6. How is nightlife in a big city different to nightlife in a small rural town?
7. Have you ever worked in a bar or similar? If so, how was it? If not, would you like to? What do you think it would be like?
8. What is the purpose of nightlife? Why do people seem to enjoy it so much?

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2. Nightlife Vocabulary

- **vibrant nightlife** (noun) – *a lively and energetic social scene that thrives during the night-time hours.*
- **night owl** (noun) – *a person who prefers to be awake and active at night.*
- **bouncer** (noun) – *a person in charge of door security at an entertainment venue.*
- **smoking ban** (noun) – *a prohibition on smoking cigarettes in enclosed spaces.*
- **last orders** (noun) – *a phrase used by staff in a pub to inform customers the pub will be closing shortly.*
- **to binge drink** (verb) / **binge drinking** (noun) – *to drink an excessive amount of alcohol in one session.*

Using the vocabulary words above, complete the following sentences (remember to use the correct form of the word, e.g. verb conjugation or plural noun):

1. After the _____ was introduced, the non-smoker in the group had to look after their friends' coats while they went outside to smoke.
2. Excessive _____ during the weekend has been blamed for numerous incidents of alcohol-related injuries and accidents.
3. She's always been a _____. When everyone else is just getting up, she'll be on her way home from the club.
4. The barman rang the bell for _____.
5. The _____ wouldn't let my friend in the club as he said he wasn't wearing the right kind of shoes.
6. The city's _____ attracts tourists and locals alike with its array of bars, clubs, and live music venues.

Nightlife vocabulary comprehension questions

1. Which cities have the most vibrant nightlife? Have you visited any of these? If not, do you want to?
2. Are you a night owl? Do you know any night owls?
3. How are the bouncers in your city?
4. Do you agree with the smoking ban?
5. When are last orders in the pubs, bars and clubs in your city? Do you agree with 24-hour licencing for bars and clubs?
6. Is binge drinking a problem where you live? Why do people engage in this activity?

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3. Video: Party Capitals of the World

You are going to watch a video by Alux called "Top 10 Cities With The Best Nightlife."

Watch the video here: https://yourenglishpal.com/blog/esl-conversation-lesson-plan-nightlife/

While you watch the video, answer the following questions:

Multiple choice

1. Since when have people enjoyed pubs in London?

   a) 1500s *b) 1600s* *c) 1700s*

2. Why do people enjoy nightlife according to the video?

   a) to unwind after work *b) to get drunk* *c) to meet potential partners*

3. How many nightclubs are there in London?

   a) 143 *b) 337* *c) 2143*

4. Where is Belgrade KST located?

   a) a rooftop terrace *b) a university lecture hall* *c) in a basement*

Sentence completion

5. The district where Bangkok's club scene is located is illuminated with _____.
6. The clients of Speakeasy Rooftop on Rothschild can be described as _____.
7. Clubs in Barcelona rarely get busy before _____.
8. Smoking cannabis is Amsterdam is _____ and _____.

Short answer

9. How many days before Easter does the Rio Carnival begin?
10. Where do people in Athens usually begin their nights out?
11. What is Wynwood in Miami famous for?
12. How many casinos are there in Las Vegas?

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4. Nightlife Conversation Questions

1. How important is nightlife for the local community? Does it have a positive or negative effect? How can cities balance local people's concerns with those who enjoy nights out?
2. Does nightlife always have to involve alcohol?
3. What are the problems associated with the night-time economy? Is there a lot of violence, crime or antisocial behaviour associated with the night-time economy where you live? Why do you think this is?
4. How can people keep safe when they go out at night?
5. How should local governments/authorities manage and regulate the night-time economy to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment?
6. Why do you think the night-time economy has declined in recent years? Why have many pubs, bars and clubs closed? Are nights out too expensive these days?
7. Would you like to open your own bar or restaurant? Where would it be? What food and drink would it serve? What would the ambience be like? Can you think of a name for it?
8. What will the night-time economy look like 50 or 100 years in the future?

5. Nightlife Writing Task

Write about your opinion of nightlife. Try to use some of the vocabulary you learned earlier in this lesson. In your answer, you could include some of the following topics:

- The best places to go in your city.
- Why people enjoy nightlife.
- Problems associated with nightlife.

Alternative exam practice question:

Binge drinking during the night has become a major health and safety issue in many places around the world. What are the reasons why many people engage in this activity? What can authorities do to combat this problem?

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