

Lesson 45: At a Bar or Night Club

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Bryan, the server: What are you drinking tonight, sir?

Kenji: I'd like a vodka martini on the rocks – shaken, not stirred.

Bryan: Alright. What about some food?

Kenji: I would settle for the free peanuts but if you have something better, I'd like to know.

Bryan: We've got some calamari, nachos and spicy tapas.

Kenji: The calamari sounds good. Bring some hot sauce for that.

Bryan: **Good call.** I'll be back in a while with your order.

Kenji: Oh... Can I smoke here?

Bryan: I'm sorry, sir, but this is a non-smoking establishment. There's a smoking area at the back.
I'll watch your table while you smoke outside.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. A: What's your decision? B: Give me time to think it over. I don't think I'm ready to make a decision yet. A: That's a **good call**.
2. A: I hired Johnson Law Office as our corporate lawyers. B: **Good call.** They're the best in the country.
3. As president of the company, everyone expects him to make a **good call** on every decision.

* Good call / 良いアイデア

3. Your Task

You are in a bar. You don't really drink often so you're not familiar with the alcoholic beverages. Ask the server (=your tutor) if he can recommend a cocktail. After agreeing with his recommendation, tell him not to make the drink too strong.

4. Let's Talk

When was the last time you were in a bar or a club?

What was the occasion? Relate the experience to your tutor.

Tell your tutor about the drinking culture in Japan.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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