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# brewery

brew·ery [brewery breweries] BrE ['bru□ə]i<sup>®</sup> NAmE ['bru□ə]i<sup>®</sup> noun (pl. brew·eries )

a factory where beer is made; a company that makes beer

## Word Origin:

mid 17th cent .: from <sup>†</sup>brew, probably on the pattern of Dutch brouwerij.

### Culture:

#### beer

In Britain, beer is the most popular alcoholic drink which is drunk in <sup>†</sup>pubs. Many people drink **bitter**, a brown-coloured beer. It is sold **on draught**, if it is drawn for each customer from a large container, usually a **keg** or **barrel**, or **bottled**, if it has been put in small bottles at a factory. Bottled beer is sometimes called **ale**. Bitter is usually drunk at room temperature. **Lager**, which is yellow in colour, has more gas in it and is usually drunk cold. Many pubs sell a selection of French, German and Australian lagers. **Stout** is a strong, dark brown beer which forms a thick white **froth**, or ,head', on top when poured into a glass. **Mild** is a sweeter, darker form of bitter but is less popular. **Shandy** is a mixture of beer and lemonade or ginger beer. Draught beer or lager is sold in **pints** or **half-pints**. Some people drink **low-alcohol** beers and lagers in order to reduce the risk of **drink-driving** (= driving a car while under the influence of alcohol), which is against the law. Many people like to drink **real ale**, beer that is made and stored in the traditional way, often made by smaller **breweries** (= companies that make beer). The interests of real ale drinkers are defended by <sup>†</sup>CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale, which publishes a list of real-ale pubs and campaigns to prevent small breweries closing.

The US **brewing** industry was begun by Germans who moved to the US, and so the typical US beer has always been like German beer, light in colour, similar to what the British call lager, although Americans do not use that word. Until the beginning of the 20th century there were many small, family-run breweries in the US, but then Prohibition came into effect and it became illegal to sell alcohol. By the time Prohibition was cancelled most of the small breweries had gone out of business. Today, most beer is produced by a few large breweries, all of whom make similar products. Recently, however, Americans have begun to appreciate different sorts of beer and many **microbreweries** have opened. These brew and serve high-quality beer made in traditional ways. This movement has even led some of the large breweries to return to traditional methods and materials. The microbrewery movement has been supported mostly by professional people with a high income but, in general, beer is seen as a drink for people with less money, or for informal occasions. People drink beer after playing sports or while watching them, but wine is considered more appropriate to drink with a meal.

Many makes of beer in the US are sold in both bottles and cans, though microbrewery beers come only in bottles. Restaurants always serve bottled beer. In some states beer can be sold in **supermarkets**, **gas stations** and local **convenience stores** (= shops that are open for many hours each day). In other states it can be sold only in specially **licensed liquor stores** or **bottle shops**. This can be confusing and even embarrassing for Americans when they travel to a different state, as well as for foreign visitors.

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