Why do the British like going to the pub?

One of the main attractions of the pub for all regular pubgoers is that it offers good company in friendly surroundings.

Here you can join a conversation with a diverse group of people.

Village pubs with their country furnishings and real ales attract not only local folk but city dwellers out for a drive, hikers after a long day's walk and pensioners enjoying a pub lunch.

City pubs have a more mixed clientele - businessmen and women discussing the latest deal, theatre-goers or groups of friends enjoying a drink together before going off to a restaurant or night club.

Good conversation and good beer are two essential things provided by the pub. The drinking of beer in a public house is not compulsory, but any publican will tell you, beer is the mainstay of the trade.

It is said that beer is the perfect drink for the pub - it comes in large measures (one pint glasses) so that just one drink provides a lot of conversation time!

Many pubs also serve foodd, from snacks to full meals.

Other attractions offered by city and country pubs alike include a game of darts and snooker, a game similar to billiards.

Each pub has its own name, painted on a sign.

A pub name can refer to historical events, beasts or its meaning can be a complete puzzle, e.g. The White Heart, The Nag's Head, The Black Bull, and The Little Bear.

WORD LIST

main = fő

attraction = vonzerő

regular = rendszeres

pubgoer = pub-ba járó

offer = felajánl, kínál

surroundings = környezet

to join sg. = csatlakozni v.mihez

diverse = sokféle, eltérő

style = stílus

clientele= vevőkör

ale = világos sör

dweller = lakos

hiker= kiránduló

to discuss = megbeszél

latest = legutóbbi, legfrisebb

deal = üzlet, ügylet

publican = kocsmáros, vendéglős

mainstay = fő erősség

essential = alapvető

compulsory = kötelező

to provide = nyújt, szolgáltat

trade = üzlet, kereskedés

It is said that … = azt mondják, hogy…

measure = mértékegység

alike = egyformán, egyaránt

sign = cégtábla

herald = címer

to refer = hivatkozik, utal

reference = hivatkozás

event = esemény

beast = vadállat

e.g. = például
(latinból átvett rövidítés, kiolvasása : for example)