

An Informal Glossary of Alcohol-Related Slang

by members of the English 480: Alcohol in/and Modernist Fiction seminar

Please feel free to add to this totally extracurricular, not-for-marks glossary as the term progresses and you encounter new terms or remember ones with which you're already familiar.

Slang for “drunk” or stages of drunkenness:

- Fuddled
- Pissed
- In your cups
- Lost in the sauce
- Sloshed
- Plastered
- Topsy
- Faded (combined with cannabis)
- Liquored Up
- Tight (e.g., “May Day” 5, *The Sun Also Rises* Ch. 3)
- Crunk
- Lit (e.g., “May Day” 16)
- Boiled (e.g., “May Day” 18)
- Stewed (e.g., “May Day” 20)
- Pickled
- Pie-eyed (*The Sun Also Rises* 64)
- Daunted (*The Sun Also Rises* 64)
- Cock-eyed (*The Sun Also Rises* 107, “Big Blonde”)
- Blind (*The Sun Also Rises* 119)
- Blotto
- Potted
- Flushed (“Big Blonde”)
- In a haze (“Big Blonde”)
- Trashed
- Pifflocated (*The Lost Weekend* 234)
- *Borracho* (Spanish for “drunk”; *Under the Volcano*)

Slang for “alcohol”:

- Booze
- Brewski (typically beer)
- Hooch (traditionally for moonshine or other high-proof distilled spirits)
- Juice
- Poison

- The good stuff

Slang or words for places where people can drink alcohol:

- Pub (short for “public house”)
- Tavern
- Watering hole
- The Bar
- Speakeasy
- Blind pig/tiger
- Roadhouses
- Cocktail parties (*Babbitt*)
- Cabarets
- Night-club (*The Sun Also Rises* 118)
- House parties (“The Back Room”)

Types of alcohol encountered in texts on our reading list:

- Absinthe (*Wormwood*)
- Highball - mixed drink with spirit plus larger quantity of non-alcoholic mixer (in “May Day,” the spirit and mixer are not identified)
- Brandy (“May Day”, *The Sun Also Rises*)
- Gin (“May Day”, *Babbitt*, “Big Blonde”)
- Whiskey (“May Day”, *The Sun Also Rises*)
- Italian vermouths (“May Day”)
- Punch (“May Day,” “The Back Room”)
- Champagne (“May Day”, *The Sun Also Rises*)
- Pernod (*The Sun Also Rises*)
- A whiskey and soda (*The Sun Also Rises*)
- Sherry (*The Sun Also Rises*)
- A bottle of Anis (*The Sun Also Rises*)
- Bottle of Fundador (*The Sun Also Rises*)
- Amontillado (*The Sun Also Rises*)
- Cognac (*The Sun Also Rises*)
- Beer (*The Sun Also Rises*)
- Wine (*The Sun Also Rises*)
- CINZANO (*The Sun Also Rises*)
- Jack Rose (Applejack brandy, lime/lemon juice, grenadine, *The Sun Also Rises*)
- Aguardiente (a drink that contains 29-60% ABV, *The Sun Also Rises*)
- Fundador (*The Sun Also Rises*)
- Jerez (fortified white wine, *The Sun Also Rises*)
- Rioja Alta (type of Spanish wine, *The Sun Also Rises*)
- *Fine à l’eau* (1 part Cognac/Brandy with 3 parts still or sparkling water; *The Sun Also Rises*)
- Scotch whiskey, neat (“Big Blonde”)

- Cocktails ("The Back Room")
- Whiskey (*The Lost Weekend*)
- Mezcal (*Under the Volcano*)
- Tequila (*Under the Volcano*)
- Beer (*Under the Volcano*)
- Pulque (*Under the Volcano*)