

Mixologist Vocabulary

1. Bar and Workplace

Word	A1 definition
bar	A place where drinks are made and served.
bar counter	The long table where drinks are made or served.
bar station	The place where a bartender works.
back bar	The area behind the bar with bottles and equipment.
lounge	A comfortable place where guests can sit and have drinks.
cocktail bar	A bar that makes and serves cocktails.
restaurant bar	A bar inside or next to a restaurant.
hotel bar	A bar inside a hotel.
pool bar	A bar near a swimming pool.
service area	The place where staff prepare things for guests.
work area	The place where a person does their work.
storage	A place where things are kept.
refrigerator	A machine that keeps food and drinks cold.
freezer	A machine that keeps things very cold.
shelf	A flat place for keeping things.
bottle rack	A place for keeping bottles.
ice well	A container under the bar for keeping ice.

2. Bar Staff and People

Word	A1 definition
mixologist	A person who makes cocktails and other drinks.
bartender	A person who makes and serves drinks.
bar manager	A person who manages a bar.
bar supervisor	A person who checks the work in a bar.
waiter	A person who serves food and drinks.
waitress	A woman who serves food and drinks.
server	A person who serves guests.
guest	A person who stays at or uses a hotel.
customer	A person who buys something.
regular	A guest who comes to the bar often.
VIP guest	A very important guest.
colleague	A person who works with you.
supplier	A person or company that brings products.
chef	A person who cooks food.
manager	A person who leads a team or place.
team	A group of people who work together.

3. Basic Drinks

Word	A1 definition
drink	Something that you can drink.
cocktail	A mixed drink made with different ingredients.
mocktail	A mixed drink without alcohol.
alcoholic drink	A drink that contains alcohol.
soft drink	A drink without alcohol.
spirit	A strong alcoholic drink.
liquor	Another word for a strong alcoholic drink.
beer	An alcoholic drink made from grains.
wine	An alcoholic drink made from grapes.
champagne	A special sparkling wine.
sparkling wine	Wine with small bubbles.
red wine	Wine with a dark red colour.
white wine	Wine with a light colour.
rosé	Wine with a pink colour.
water	A clear drink with no alcohol.
still water	Water without bubbles.
soda water	Water with bubbles.
tonic water	A fizzy drink often used in cocktails.
juice	Liquid from fruit or vegetables.
syrup	A thick, sweet liquid.
coffee	A hot drink made from coffee beans.
tea	A hot drink made from leaves.

4. Main Spirits

Word	A1 definition
vodka	A clear strong alcohol.
gin	A strong alcohol with a fresh taste.
rum	A strong alcohol usually made from sugar cane.
whisky	A strong alcohol made from grains.
whiskey	Another spelling of whisky.
bourbon	An American type of whiskey.
tequila	A strong alcohol from Mexico.
mezcal	A strong Mexican alcohol made from agave.
brandy	A strong alcohol made from wine or fruit.
cognac	A type of French brandy.
liqueur	A sweet alcoholic drink with a special flavour.
aperitif	A drink usually served before a meal.
digestif	A drink usually served after a meal.
vermouth	A wine with extra flavour and alcohol.
amaro	A bitter Italian drink often served after food.
sake	A Japanese alcoholic drink made from rice.

5. Common Liqueurs

Word	A1 definition
orange liqueur	A sweet alcohol with orange flavour.
coffee liqueur	A sweet alcohol with coffee flavour.
chocolate liqueur	A sweet alcohol with chocolate flavour.
cream liqueur	A sweet alcoholic drink made with cream.
herbal liqueur	A liqueur made with herbs and plants.
fruit liqueur	A sweet alcohol with fruit flavour.
almond liqueur	A sweet alcohol with almond flavour.
mint liqueur	A sweet alcohol with mint flavour.
coconut liqueur	A sweet alcohol with coconut flavour.
elderflower liqueur	A sweet alcohol with a flower flavour.

6. Cocktail Ingredients

Word	A1 definition
ingredient	One of the things used to make food or a drink.
mixer	A drink added to a spirit.
fruit	Food from a plant, often used in drinks.
fresh fruit	Fruit that is fresh and not old.
citrus	A type of fruit such as lemon or orange.
lemon	A yellow fruit with a sour taste.
lime	A small green fruit with a sour taste.
orange	A round orange fruit.
grapefruit	A large citrus fruit with a slightly bitter taste.
pineapple	A large sweet tropical fruit.
mango	A sweet tropical fruit.
passion fruit	A small fruit with a strong sweet and sour taste.
strawberry	A small red fruit.
raspberry	A small soft red fruit.
blueberry	A small dark blue fruit.
cucumber	A long green vegetable.
ginger	A root with a strong, fresh taste.
mint	A green plant with a fresh taste.
basil	A green herb used for flavour.
rosemary	A herb with a strong smell and taste.
cinnamon	A spice with a warm, sweet taste.
vanilla	A sweet flavour from a plant.
honey	A sweet food made by bees.
sugar	A sweet white food.
salt	A white ingredient used to add taste.
pepper	A spice with a strong taste.

7. Sweeteners and Flavour

Word	A1 definition
sweet	Having a taste like sugar.
sour	Having a sharp taste like lemon.
bitter	Having a strong taste that is not sweet.
salty	Having a taste like salt.
spicy	Having a hot or strong taste.
fresh	Having a clean and natural taste.
fruity	Having a fruit taste.
creamy	Soft and rich like cream.
dry	Not sweet.
rich	Having a strong and full taste.
light	Not strong or heavy.
strong	Having a lot of alcohol or flavour.
smooth	Easy and pleasant to drink.
sharp	Having a strong sour or bitter taste.
sweetener	Something used to make a drink sweeter.
simple syrup	Sugar mixed with water.
sugar syrup	Another name for simple syrup.
flavour	The taste of something.
taste	The way something feels in your mouth.
aroma	The smell of a drink or food.
smell	What you notice with your nose.

8. Ice

Word	A1 definition
ice	Frozen water.
ice cube	A small block of ice.
crushed ice	Ice broken into small pieces.
crushed ice	Small pieces of broken ice.
shaved ice	Very small pieces of ice.
large ice cube	A big piece of ice.
clear ice	Ice that you can see through.
ice ball	A round piece of ice.
ice scoop	A tool used to pick up ice.
ice bucket	A container used to keep ice.
ice tong	A tool used to pick up ice.
melt	To become liquid because of heat.
frozen	Very cold and turned into ice.
chilled	Made cold.
cold	Having a low temperature.

9. Bar Tools

Word	A1 definition
shaker	A container used to mix a cocktail.
cocktail shaker	A shaker used for making cocktails.
Boston shaker	A two-part cocktail shaker.
jigger	A small tool used to measure drinks.
strainer	A tool used to separate liquid from ice or fruit.
bar spoon	A long spoon used for mixing drinks.
muddler	A tool used to press fruit and herbs.
peeler	A tool used to remove the skin from fruit.
zester	A tool used to make small pieces of citrus skin.
knife	A tool used for cutting.
chopping board	A board used for cutting food.
bottle opener	A tool used to open bottles.
corkscrew	A tool used to remove a wine cork.
pourer	A small tool put on a bottle to control the liquid.
measuring cup	A cup used to measure liquid.
funnel	A tool used to put liquid into a small bottle.
blender	A machine used to mix food and drinks.
juicer	A machine or tool used to make juice.
glass washer	A machine used to clean glasses.
tray	A flat object used to carry drinks.

10. Cocktail Actions

Word	A1 definition
pour	To put liquid into a glass.
measure	To find the right amount.
mix	To put things together.
shake	To move a shaker strongly.
stir	To move a drink around with a spoon.
strain	To remove ice or pieces from a drink.
muddle	To press fruit or herbs to release their flavour.
squeeze	To press fruit to get the juice out.
cut	To divide something with a knife.
slice	To cut something into thin pieces.
chop	To cut something into small pieces.
peel	To remove the skin from fruit.
crush	To break something into small pieces.
blend	To mix things together in a blender.
garnish	To put something on a drink to make it look nice.
serve	To give food or drink to a guest.
chill	To make something cold.
cool	To make something less hot.

Word	A1 definition
open	To remove a lid, cap or cork.
close	To shut something.
fill	To put something into a glass or container.
top up	To add more liquid to a glass.
add	To put something into something else.
remove	To take something away.
taste	To try a small amount of a drink.
smell	To use your nose to check something.

11. Cocktail Techniques

Word	A1 definition
shake	To mix a drink by moving the shaker strongly.
stir	To mix a drink slowly with a spoon.
build	To make a drink directly in the glass.
muddle	To press ingredients to release their flavour.
strain	To pour a drink through a strainer.
double strain	To use two strainers to remove small pieces.
blend	To mix ingredients in a blender.
layer	To put different liquids on top of each other.
float	To put a small amount of liquid on top.
roll	To move a drink gently between two containers.
pour	To move liquid from one container to another.
free pour	To pour without using a measuring tool.
measure	To use a tool to get the correct amount.
dilute	To make a drink less strong by adding water.
infuse	To give a liquid the taste of another ingredient.
garnish	To add something to the drink for taste or appearance.

12. Glassware

Word	A1 definition
glass	A container used for drinking.
cocktail glass	A glass used for cocktails.
martini glass	A glass with a wide top and a long stem.
coupe	A small glass with a wide round top.
highball glass	A tall glass for mixed drinks.
Collins glass	A tall, narrow glass.
rocks glass	A short glass for drinks with ice.
tumbler	A drinking glass without a stem.
shot glass	A very small glass for strong alcohol.
wine glass	A glass used for wine.
champagne flute	A tall, narrow glass for sparkling wine.
beer glass	A glass used for beer.

Word	A1 definition
pint glass	A large glass for beer.
snifter	A round glass for brandy.
mug	A large cup, often with a handle.
glass rim	The top edge of a glass.
stem	The thin part below some glasses.
base	The bottom part of a glass.

13. Garnishes

Word	A1 definition
garnish	Something added to a drink to make it look or taste better.
lemon wedge	A small piece of lemon.
lime wedge	A small piece of lime.
lemon wheel	A round slice of lemon.
lime wheel	A round slice of lime.
orange slice	A thin piece of orange.
orange twist	A long piece of orange skin.
lemon twist	A long piece of lemon skin.
citrus peel	The skin of a citrus fruit.
mint leaf	One green part of a mint plant.
basil leaf	One green part of a basil plant.
cherry	A small round red fruit.
olive	A small fruit often used in drinks.
cocktail onion	A small onion used as a garnish.
pineapple leaf	A green leaf from a pineapple.
edible flower	A flower that people can eat.
sugar rim	Sugar around the edge of a glass.
salt rim	Salt around the edge of a glass.
skewer	A thin stick used to hold fruit or other items.

14. Cocktail Preparation

Word	A1 definition
recipe	Instructions for making a drink or food.
preparation	The work done before making a drink.
portion	The amount given to one person.
amount	How much of something there is.
measure	The amount of something.
ratio	The amounts of two or more things compared together.
base	The main alcohol in a cocktail.
mixer	A drink added to the main alcohol.
garnish	Something added at the end.
ice	Frozen water added to make a drink cold.
glass	The container for the finished drink.

Word	A1 definition
order	A request from a guest for food or drink.
ticket	A written or printed order for a drink.
preparation area	The place where drinks are prepared.
batch	A group of drinks made together.
pre-batch	A drink mixture made before service.
bottle	A container for liquid.
label	A piece of paper or material with information on a bottle.

15. Cocktail Styles

Word	A1 definition
classic cocktail	A cocktail that has been popular for a long time.
signature cocktail	A special cocktail made by a bar or hotel.
house cocktail	A cocktail made especially by a bar.
seasonal cocktail	A cocktail made for a particular season.
tropical cocktail	A cocktail with tropical fruit or flavours.
frozen cocktail	A very cold cocktail made with ice.
sparkling cocktail	A cocktail with bubbles.
long drink	A drink served in a tall glass.
short drink	A drink served in a small glass.
sour	A cocktail style with a sour taste.
fizz	A drink style with bubbles.
spritz	A light drink with wine, soda and other ingredients.
punch	A drink made in a large amount for several people.
highball	A mixed drink with alcohol and a larger amount of mixer.
aperitif cocktail	A cocktail usually served before a meal.
dessert cocktail	A sweet cocktail usually served after a meal.

16. Guest Service

Word	A1 definition
welcome	To greet someone in a friendly way.
greet	To say hello to someone.
smile	To make a friendly face.
recommend	To tell someone what you think is good.
suggest	To give someone an idea.
explain	To tell someone how something works.
describe	To say what something is like.
offer	To give someone something.
ask	To say something when you want information.
answer	To give information after someone asks.
listen	To pay attention to what someone says.
help	To make something easier for someone.
serve	To give a guest food or drink.

Word	A1 definition
thank	To tell someone that you are grateful.
apologise	To say that you are sorry.
check	To look at something to make sure it is correct.
confirm	To say that something is correct.
repeat	To say something again.
remember	To keep information in your mind.
notice	To see or hear something.

17. Describing Drinks to Guests

Word	A1 definition
refreshing	Making you feel cool and fresh.
sweet	Tasting like sugar.
sour	Having a taste like lemon.
bitter	Having a strong, bitter taste.
fruity	Tasting like fruit.
fresh	Having a clean and natural taste.
dry	Not sweet.
creamy	Soft and rich like cream.
spicy	Having a hot or strong taste.
smooth	Easy and pleasant to drink.
strong	Having a lot of alcohol.
light	Not strong.
cold	Having a low temperature.
warm	Having some heat.
fizzy	Having bubbles.
sparkling	Having many small bubbles.
rich	Having a strong and full taste.
mild	Not strong.
sweet-and-sour	Both sweet and sour in taste.
balanced	Having flavours that work well together.

18. Guest Preferences

Word	A1 definition
preference	Something that a person likes more.
favourite	Something that a person likes best.
choice	Something that you choose.
option	One thing that you can choose.
alcohol-free	Without alcohol.
low-alcohol	With only a small amount of alcohol.
sweet	Having a lot of sweet taste.
dry	Having little or no sweet taste.
strong	Having a lot of alcohol.

Word	A1 definition
light	Having less alcohol or flavour.
cold	Served at a low temperature.
chilled	Made cold before serving.
with ice	Served with ice.
without ice	Served with no ice.
neat	Alcohol served without ice or a mixer.
straight	Served without a mixer.
extra	More than the normal amount.
less	A smaller amount.
more	A larger amount.

19. Taking Orders

Word	A1 definition
order	A request for food or drink.
request	Something a guest asks for.
menu	A list of food and drinks.
drinks menu	A list of drinks.
choice	Something the guest chooses.
table number	The number of the guest's table.
room number	The number of a hotel room.
confirm	To check that something is correct.
repeat	To say the order again.
note	To write down information.
special request	Something extra that a guest asks for.
allergy	A health problem caused by some foods or ingredients.
ingredient	Something used to make a drink.
recommendation	An idea about something good to choose.
bill	A paper showing how much the guest must pay.
receipt	A paper showing that someone has paid.

20. Alcohol Knowledge

Word	A1 definition
alcohol	A substance in beer, wine and spirits.
alcoholic	Containing alcohol.
non-alcoholic	Not containing alcohol.
ABV	The amount of alcohol in a drink.
proof	A number used to show how strong an alcohol is.
strength	How strong a drink is.
spirit	A strong alcoholic drink.
distilled	Made by a process that makes alcohol stronger.
ferment	To change sugar into alcohol.
fermentation	The process that makes alcohol from sugar.

Word	A1 definition
distill	To make alcohol stronger.
aging	Keeping alcohol for a long time to improve its taste.
aged	Kept for a long time before drinking.
barrel	A large wooden container used for alcohol.
cask	Another word for a large wooden container.
vintage	From a particular year, especially wine.

21. Wine and Sparkling Wine

Word	A1 definition
wine	An alcoholic drink made from grapes.
grape	A small round fruit used to make wine.
vineyard	A place where grapes are grown.
winery	A place where wine is made.
red	A type of wine with a red colour.
white	A type of wine with a light colour.
rosé	A pink type of wine.
sparkling	Wine with bubbles.
champagne	Sparkling wine from a region of France.
prosecco	A sparkling wine from Italy.
glass	A container for wine.
bottle	A container for wine.
cork	A material used to close some bottles.
vintage	The year when the grapes were produced.
sweet	Having a sugary taste.
dry	Not sweet.
body	How heavy or light a wine feels.
aroma	The smell of wine.
finish	The taste that stays after drinking.
pairing	Choosing drinks and food that taste good together.

22. Beer

Word	A1 definition
beer	An alcoholic drink made from grains.
lager	A light and popular type of beer.
ale	A type of beer with a strong taste.
stout	A dark type of beer.
IPA	A beer with a strong hop taste.
draft beer	Beer served from a large container.
tap	A device used to control liquid from a container.
beer tap	A tap used to serve beer.
keg	A large container for beer.
foam	A layer of small bubbles on beer.

Word	A1 definition
head	The foam on top of a beer.
pint	A large serving of beer.
bottle	A glass or plastic container for beer.
can	A metal container for beer.
chilled	Made cold.

23. Hygiene and Cleanliness

Word	A1 definition
clean	Not dirty.
dirty	Not clean.
hygiene	Keeping yourself and your workplace clean.
wash	To clean with water.
rinse	To clean with clean water.
dry	To remove water.
polish	To make something clean and shiny.
sanitise	To clean something to remove harmful germs.
disinfect	To clean something and kill germs.
soap	Something used for washing.
towel	Cloth used for drying.
cloth	A piece of material used for cleaning.
sponge	A soft thing used for washing.
brush	A tool with many hairs used for cleaning.
bin	A container for rubbish.
rubbish	Things that are thrown away.
waste	Things that are not needed.
clean glass	A glass with no dirt or marks.
dirty glass	A glass that is not clean.
spotless	Completely clean.

24. Safety

Word	A1 definition
safety	Being protected from danger.
safe	Not dangerous.
danger	Something that can hurt people.
dangerous	Able to hurt someone.
careful	Thinking about safety.
accident	Something bad that happens by mistake.
cut	An injury made by something sharp.
burn	An injury caused by heat.
broken glass	Glass that is damaged or in pieces.
sharp	Having an edge that can cut.
slippery	Easy to fall on.

Word	A1 definition
spill	Liquid that falls onto a surface.
wet	Covered with water or another liquid.
fire	Heat and light from burning.
emergency	A serious situation that needs quick action.
first aid	Basic help for an injured person.
gloves	Things worn on the hands for protection.
warning	Information about possible danger.

25. Stock and Inventory

Word	A1 definition
stock	The drinks and products a bar has.
inventory	A list of products in a place.
bottle	A container for liquid.
case	A box containing several bottles or products.
carton	A container made from thick paper.
box	A container with a flat shape.
supply	Something that is needed for work.
delivery	Products brought to the hotel.
supplier	A person or company that provides products.
order	A request to buy products.
quantity	How much or how many there are.
amount	How much there is.
empty	With nothing inside.
full	With as much as it can hold.
available	Ready to use.
missing	Not there when it should be.
damaged	Broken or not in good condition.
expired	Too old to use or sell.
storage	A place where products are kept.
restock	To add more products to the stock.

26. Hotel Service Vocabulary

Word	A1 definition
service	The work done for guests.
guest service	Help and care given to hotel guests.
room service	Food and drinks brought to a hotel room.
minibar	A small fridge with drinks in a hotel room.
restaurant	A place where people eat.
lounge	A comfortable place where guests sit.
lobby	The main entrance area of a hotel.
terrace	An outside area where guests can sit.
pool	A place where people swim.

Word	A1 definition
poolside	The area next to a swimming pool.
event	A special planned occasion.
wedding	A ceremony for two people who get married.
banquet	A large formal meal.
function	A planned social event.
room charge	Money added to a guest's hotel bill.
guest account	The record of a guest's hotel costs.
luxury	Very high quality and comfort.
five-star	A hotel with a very high level of service.

27. Professional Behaviour

Word	A1 definition
professional	Doing your work in a good and proper way.
polite	Showing good manners.
friendly	Kind and pleasant to people.
helpful	Ready to help.
patient	Able to wait calmly.
calm	Not angry or nervous.
respectful	Showing respect to other people.
reliable	Someone people can trust to do their work.
punctual	Arriving at the right time.
responsible	Expected to do a job properly.
careful	Doing something with attention.
clean	Not dirty.
organised	Having things in the right place.
confident	Feeling sure about yourself.
attentive	Watching and listening carefully.
welcoming	Making guests feel comfortable.
discreet	Not talking about private guest information.
courteous	Very polite and respectful.

28. Problems and Complaints

Word	A1 definition
problem	Something that is not right.
complaint	Something a guest says when they are unhappy.
mistake	Something done incorrectly.
delay	A time when something happens later than planned.
wrong order	An order that is not what the guest asked for.
missing	Not there when needed.
spill	Liquid that falls or is dropped.
broken	Damaged and not working correctly.
dirty	Not clean.

Word	A1 definition
warm	Not cold enough.
flat	Without bubbles.
weak	Not strong enough.
strong	Having too much alcohol or flavour.
unhappy	Not pleased.
angry	Feeling very unhappy about something.
apologise	To say that you are sorry.
replace	To give a new one instead.
fix	To make something work or become correct.
solve	To find an answer to a problem.
complaint	A statement that something is wrong.

29. Advanced Mixology Terms

Word	A1 definition
infusion	A liquid with the taste of another ingredient.
tincture	A small amount of strong flavouring liquid.
bitters	A strong liquid used in very small amounts.
shrub	A drink made with fruit, sugar and vinegar.
cordial	A sweet drink or syrup with fruit flavour.
reduction	A liquid made thicker by cooking it.
foam	A light layer of bubbles.
froth	A soft layer of bubbles on a drink.
essence	A strong flavour from a plant or food.
extract	A strong flavour taken from a food or plant.
garnish	Food or herbs added to a drink.
clarification	Making a drink clear.
carbonation	Adding bubbles to a drink.
dilution	Adding water to make a drink less strong.
balance	The right mix of different tastes.
texture	How something feels in the mouth.
finish	The taste that remains after a drink.
aroma	The smell of a drink.
presentation	The way a drink looks when served.
consistency	Making a drink the same way every time.

30. Luxury Hotel Presentation

Word	A1 definition
presentation	The way something looks when it is served.
elegant	Beautiful and simple in a special way.
stylish	Looking modern and attractive.
premium	Very good quality.
quality	How good something is.

Word	A1 definition
special	Different and better than usual.
unique	The only one of its kind.
personalised	Made especially for one guest.
customised	Changed to suit a guest.
detail	A small part of something.
appearance	The way something looks.
attractive	Nice to look at.
beautiful	Very nice to look at.
impressive	Very good and able to make people notice.
perfect	Without a mistake.
standard	The level of quality expected.
experience	What a guest feels and remembers.
memorable	Easy to remember because it is special.
exclusive	Available to only a small number of people.
signature	Special to a particular hotel, bar or person.