

# BBC ENGLISH WITH A PINT OF BEER



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# Movie Time

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# Movie Script

**David:** Hi, Mark. A very good evening to you. It's David. I'm standing at the bar we agreed to meet at. Just wondering what the latest is on your arrival.

**Mark:** Yes. Hello, David. I'm standing here at a bus stop. The mood, tense, and one thing is becoming evidently clear is that my bus is officially delayed. I've interviewed a number of the **bystanders** here and they have indeed informed me I'm only a short walk from the bar.

**David:** Early evidence -- to order two--

**Mark:** Sorry, David. I lost you there.

**David:** I was just about to order us two pints of **lager**. Just wondering what your first reaction to those reports is tonight.

**Mark:** Sources have indicated that lager would be a **smart** choice. I'm very confident of that, but also wine, it would be fine. I'm literally standing outside the bar. I'll see you in a couple of seconds.

**David:** And joining me now is Mark Delaney. So, Mark, from what I understand, things haven't been going so well for you at home recently.

**Mark:** Yes, David. It's hard to **deny those allegations**. That's certainly a testing time for Mark Delaney at the moment and I should know as I am him. **Problems arose** about seven months ago when his wife realized he can't stop talking like a **newscaster**.

**David:** Mark, we've all been there. We've all been there. Where do you think that things started going wrong?

**Mark:** Well, I've very much gone exclusive for you, David on this. Recent activity on her phone indicates she is indeed sleeping with our tennis coach. One thing I can confirm is that his balls are very much in her court.

**David:** Well, Mark, I would hate to be you. Now, on to the weather. Charlie is outside the bar having a cigarette. Charlie, what's it looking like out there?

**Charlie:** Get your **beer blankets** on and your Pino ponchos because there's **cold spell** sweeping right around the back of the beer garden but if you stand close to a patio heater, it can get high of up to 23. A light fog now building around the smoking area. Also, just a reminder, the pollen count is quite high due to the pot plants. That's all from me.

**David:** Thanks, Charlie. From all of us here inside the bar, we're about to be ordering some food, so we'll see you very shortly. Bye-bye.

[music]

# Glossary

**bystander:** someone who is in a particular place by chance when an accident or an unusual event happens but who is not directly connected with it

**lager:** a type of light-coloured beer

**smart:** intelligent

**allegation:** a statement that someone has done something wrong or illegal even though this has not been proved

**deny allegations:** say they are not true

**arise:** if a particular situation or problem arises, it begins to exist or to develop

**newscaster:** someone who reads the news during a newscast/ a news programme

# Glossary

**beer blanket:** The warm and fuzzy feeling that envelopes one after drinking several beers - especially when one is drinking because it is so cold and one can't afford heat.

**cold spell:** a period of cold weather

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## VOCABULARY IN ENGLISH



### **THE LATEST**

= the most recent news

Have you heard the latest about the Royal Family?

### **REPORT**

= an article or broadcast that gives information about something that is happening in the news

Did you see that report about house prices in Dublin?

### **SOURCE**

= someone who provides information for a journalist

The journalist refused to reveal his sources.

### **BROADCAST**

= a programme that can be seen or heard on radio or television

We watched a live broadcast of the concert.

### **COVERAGE**

= the reporting of a particular important event or subject

What did you think of the BBC's election coverage?

### **ON THE AIR**

= on radio or television

The programme first went on the air 10 years ago.

# Exercises

Complete the sentences with the correct word!

- 1.) You can see live c..... of England's game against France.
- 2.) The radio station is on .....from 6 a.m.
- 3.) Have you heard the .....about Jane and William - they're getting a divorce.
- 4.) According to government s.....many MPs are worried about this issue.
- 5.) A..... that Mr. Smith was receiving money from known criminals have caused a scandal.
- 6.) Problems ..... over plans to build a new shopping mall here.

# Solutions

- 1.) coverage
- 2.) the air
- 3.) latest
- 4.) sources
- 5.) allegations
- 6.) arose