

# GLOBAL TALK

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アメリカではスポーツイベントの観戦前に駐車場などでバーベキューなどを楽しむ習慣があるそうです。山形校のSarah先生がこの楽しいイベントを紹介してくれます。



**“B”** efore Sports, we Tailgate!

An American tradition is to have a tailgate party before a sporting event, from peewee to pro. Originally people gathered around the open tailgate of a pick-up truck before a football game, although now people who have a vehicle without a tailgate like to participate before any sporting event. No one knows exactly when or how we started tailgating. But since Americans enjoy drinking, partying, and sporting events, it's no surprise that we have combined all 3 to make a favorite pastime that exploded in popularity all over the country.

Tailgate parties can be found in any parking lot near a sports stadium or arena. People come 2-3 hours early to game, park, and set up outside their vehicle for barbecuing and drinking. Of course the popular choice for food and beverages are hamburgers or hot dogs and beer. We also bring our favorite picnic staples such as coleslaw or potato salad, baked beans, and potato chips. Generally, groups of people supporting the same team gather together in the same area. It's fun to walk around and talk to fellow supporters of your team.

College students enjoy playing games like beer pong (cross between ping pong and bowling). 6 plastic cups are set up into a triangle formation at both ends of a ping pong table. The

opposing team tries to bounce a ping-pong ball into your cups. That team drinks any cup the ball lands in. Usually the ball is dipped into a cup of water to clean it and is then bounced to the opponents' cups. The first group to clear the opponents cups, wins!), bean bag toss (throwing beanbags into a hole in a wooden board), and Frisbee.

After a while, the fans start to make their way to their seats to enjoy more food, drinks and the game. The winning team and fans usually will continue to tailgate long after the defeated have retired for the night. The losing team and fans don't usually feel like celebrating after a defeat unless they want to drink their sorrows away or they only went to the game for tailgating in the first place.

Sometimes tailgate parties are held after the game for the teams. Some schools will have mixed event for both teams to promote good sportsmanship. Sometimes volunteers will even provide food for the coaches and athletes. It's also a good opportunity for the coaches to build support for their team in the community.

If you have the chance to attend a sporting event of any scale in the states, go early and enjoy the tailgating!

## Parties and Drinking

読み解きのヒント:

<b>tailgate (n.)</b> - バンや小型トラックなどの後部の扉	<b>opponent(n.)</b> - 敵
<b>peewee (adj.)</b> - ちっぽけな	<b>the defeated(n.)</b> - 敗北者達
<b>vehicle(n.)</b> - 乗り物	<b>sorrow(n.)</b> - 悲しみ
<b>combine (v.)</b> - 合わせる	<b>staple(n.)</b> - おきまりのもの
<b>beverages(n.)</b> - 飲み物	



テイルゲイトパーティー楽しそうですね。日本同様英語圏の多くの国でもお酒を楽しむ人は多いようです。一般にいわれる西洋人の遺伝子を多く持つ人々はお酒に強く、日本人が飲み過ぎた時のようには酩酊しないという話を聞いた事がありますが、個人的には外国でも、日本でも楽しく酔っぱらった人達を多数見かけました。

今回はテイルゲイトパーティーにちなみお酒に関する表現を特集しました。お酒好きの方は必見です！

## Let's Have Fun! ~お酒に関する表現

### 【基礎編】

**On the rocks** ~お酒に氷を入れたもの  
I'll have a whisky on the rocks.

**Single or Double** ~オーダーする際のショットの数(アルコール量)  
Make it a double「ダブルにしてくれ」

**Straight** ~氷や水などで割らない飲み物  
I'll take a whisky straight, please.

**Happy hour** ~バーで飲み物が安く提供される時間帯の事

**Draft** ~生ビール

**Cheers!** ~乾杯!

**Drink up! / Bottoms up!** ~さあ飲もう!

**Lightweight** ~下戸(お酒が飲めない)  
I am a light weight.

**Drink like a fish** ~大酒を飲む  
He drinks like a fish.

**Hangover** ~二日酔い  
I have a hangover.

**Sober** ~しらふ  
I am sober.

### 【応用編】

**Three sheets to the wind** ~ひどく酔った  
I was three sheets to the wind last night.

**Age like fine wine** ~上質のワインのように歳をとる  
Just like fine wine, you grow better with the years.

**Liquor before beer, you're in the clear. Beer before liquor you'll never get sicker.**  
~ビールの前に酒を飲むと酔わない。酒の前にビールを飲むと悪酔いする(本当でしょうか?)

