## COCCIENTS



Pete was a bartender at a busy nightclub. He loved his job, especially when he got to show off his skills at mixing drinks. He was good at all kinds of cocktails, from classics like martinis and mojitos, to exotic ones like Mai-Tais and margaritas. As well, he often experimented with new combinations, using different liquors, juices, syrups, and garnishes. One night, as he was looking at a bottle of absinthe, a potent liquor of greenish colour and a liquorice flavour, he had an inspiration. He poured some into a shaker, along with some vodka, lemon juice, and sugar. He shook it well and strained it into a martini glass. He called it a "green fairy".

It turned out to be surprisingly good. Although powerful, it had a refreshing and pleasant taste, with a hint of bitterness from the absinthe. When one of his regular customers came over to sit at the bar he said:

"Hey Lisa, I have something special for you," he said, handing her the glass.

"What is it?" she asked, looking at the greenish liquid.

"I called it 'green fairy'. It's made with absinthe, vodka, lemon juice, and sugar. I'm sure you'll like it."

Lisa took a sip and said:" Wow, that's an amazing drink. I love it! Pete watched her with pride and decided to include the drink in his personal cocktail list.



## What do you think?

- 1. What is your favourite cocktail? How is it made?
- 2. Have you ever taken a course to become a bartender? If not, would you like to?
- 3. Which cocktails do you associate with summer holidays/winter holidays? Why?
- 4. Can you name some films in which cocktails or other drinks played an important part?
- 5. Do you think there are cocktails for women and others for men?