

## “TOAST” CONCEPT IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGE SYSTEM

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### ANNOTATION

In this article we research the concept “toast”, etymology of the word. In different languages system we study the word “toast” meaning, expression, variety of toast in different culture, in dialects, the most famous toasts in history from well-known authors, poets, philosophers, and playwrights.

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The term may be applied to the person or thing so honored, the drink taken, or the verbal expression accompanying the drink. A toast is a ritual during which a drink is taken as an expression of honor or goodwill. Thus, a person could be "the toast of the evening", for whom someone "proposes a toast" to congratulate and for whom a third person "toasts" in agreement. The ritual forms the basis of the literary and performance genre, of which Mark Twain's "To the Babies" is a well-known example.

The custom itself is much older than this word for it, and the expectation of a bit of toast in a mug of ale at a tavern is well attested in many 17c. drinking songs, though none of them seems to give a reason for it. Steele's story ["Tatler,"] is that an (unnamed) beauty of the day was taking the cold waters at Bath, when a gentleman dipped his cup in the water and drank it to her health; another in his company wittily (or drunkenly) replied that, while he did not care for the drink, he would gladly enjoy the toast. Meaning "one whose health is proposed and drunk to" is from 1746. **Toast-master** attested from 1749. "to propose or drink a toast," 1700, from [toast](#) (n.2). This probably is the source of the Jamaican and African-American vernacular word meaning "extemporaneous narrative poem or rap" (1962). Related: Toasted; toasting.

In this research The toast as described is rooted in [Western culture](#), but certain cultures outside that [sphere](#) have their own traditions in which consuming a drink is connected with ideas of celebration and honor. While the physical and verbal ritual of the toast may be elaborate and formal, merely raising one's glass towards someone or something and then drinking is essentially a toast as well, the message being one of goodwill towards the person or thing indicated.

In German, [synonyms](#) like "Wohl bekomm's!", "Zum Wohl!", and many versions from other languages may also be used instead of "prosit". The acclamation itself is also referred to as a "prosit". The verb form is "zuprosten", where the prefix "zu" means that the speech act is targeted at one or several people.

In the [Swabian dialect](#), the word has the further meaning of a [belch](#), called a "Prositle". The acclamation is followed by the clinking of glasses, often linked to other rules like making eye contact. This ritual is commonly attributed to a medieval custom, whereby one could avoid being poisoned by one's drinking companions, as a few drops of each beverage got mixed when clinking glasses. There is every likelihood that this did not work. It was much more effective for one to share one or more drinking vessels, a procedure which was common for a long time.

In Danish, Swedish, and Norwegian, "prosit" is a blessing used in response to a sneeze, in the same way the English expression "bless you" is used.

In Germany, toasting, not necessarily by words but usually just by touching each other's drinking vessels, is usually a very closely observed part of culture. In private company, no one should drink a sip of alcohol before having toasted all the other people at the table. In doing this, it is very important to look directly into the other drinker's eyes. Not practising this is considered rude and often, humorously, believed to attract all kinds of bad luck (e.g. "seven years of bad luck" and the like).

Some say toasts are old-fashioned, but regardless, they're still a popular way to celebrate. Any special occasion—weddings, retirements, graduations, or even a night out with good friends—is a little more memorable when a fun or meaningful toast is involved. If thinking of what to say while raising a toast makes you rack your brain, refer to a list of the best toasts.

A traditional toast is an excellent toast to say; they're short and easy to remember. It's good to have at least one all-purpose toast in your memory bank to use as you raise your glass at the perfect moment. Whether you're looking for a funny or friendly toast, or some drinking toasts, never be at a loss for words. These catchy phrases impress or save the day with a sentiment beyond "Cheers!"

English say for a toast. 'Cheers' is simply a way to celebrate good health and wish further good health and happiness on your companions. A 'cheers' was traditionally done at the end of a toast. No we are not talking about the piece of bread you have for breakfast but the speech made at events such as weddings and birthdays.

#### 1. To Health and Prosperity

This is the perfect toast for those big moments in life. Celebrating the boss's retirement? Maybe your friend's college graduation or wedding? This toast wishes them all the best in their pursuit of a happy, healthy, and prosperous life.

"May you live as long as you like,  
And have all you like as long as you live."

#### 2. To Deep Friendship

Save this toast for lifelong friendships when you want to show just how much you care. It's particularly fitting for going away parties or reunions when the sentiment will mean the most. "My heart is as full as my glass when I drink to you, old friend!"

#### 3. To Friendship (or Not)

You have to appreciate the sass of this rhyme! Keep it in mind for your absolute best friends who have a great sense of humor. It goes great with a [round of shots](#).

"Here's to you and here's to me,  
Friends may we always be!  
But, if by chance we disagree,  
Up yours! Here's to me!"

Famous drinking toasts

"Too much of anything is bad, but too much good whiskey is barely enough." ...

"'Tis a pity wine should be so deleterious, ...

"Here's to alcohol, the rose-colored glasses of life." ...

"Ho, ho, ho! ...

“Were it the last drink in the well, ...

“Drink is the feast of reason and the flow of soul.”

These are words spoken at significant moments in history and in popular literary works. History lovers will enjoy this look at some of the most important toasts ever spoken. The most famous toasts in history from well-known authors, poets, philosophers, and playwrights.

#### 1. Famous drinking toasts

“Too much of anything is bad, but too much good whiskey is barely enough.”

[Mark Twain](#)

“Tis a pity wine should be so deleterious,  
For tea and coffee leave us much more serious.”

Lord Byron

“Here’s to alcohol, the rose-colored glasses of life.”

F. Scott Fitzgerald

“Ho, ho, ho! To the bottle I go  
To heal my heart and drown my woe  
Rain may fall, and wind may blow  
And many miles be still to go  
But under a tall tree will I lie  
And let the clouds go sailing by.”

J.R.R. Tolkien

“Were it the last drink in the well,  
As I gasped upon the brink,  
‘Ere my fainting spirit fell,  
’Tis to thee that I would drink.”

Lord Byron “Drink is the feast of reason and the flow of soul.”

Alexander Pope “When the husband drinks to the wife, all would be well; when the wife drinks to the husband, all is.”

We can see different ways to toast around the world. Spanish: Salud!, French: Santé ! (sahn-TAY), German: Prost!, Swedish/Danish/Norwegian: Skål!, Russian: За здоровье!, Italian: Cin cin!, Turkish: Şerefe! Portuguese: Saúde!

Today, toasts usually take place at weddings or large group meetings between colleagues or friends and are designed to solidify community ties, whether interpersonal or professional. There are also more unique toasting customs around the world, none of which include hosing down the celebrated guest. Toasts serve to unify the group, acknowledge a person or event, mark a special occasion, or simply to encourage the consumption of drink. These can range from serious to silly but are normally words that point out something that is commonly known.

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