



Aller boire un verre - Aller boire un coup - to go for a (little) drink

Here you are going to learn one of the ways the French propose having a drink with their friends.

Do you want to go to drink a glass (of something)? = **Voulez-vous aller boire un verre?**

Voulez-vous means do you want - you may recall the songs 'Voulez-vous' a-ha or 'Voulez-vous coucher avec moi ce soir?' = 'Do you want to sleep with me tonight?'

Voulez-vous means do you want

Aller = to go (think of GOing down the back alley - aller aller aller)

Voulez-vous aller... ? is Do you want to go... ?

Boire = to drink (BOIRE BOIRE BOIRE) it has a wa wa wa sound in there. Boire boire boire - to drink

Voulez-vous aller boire? is Do you want to go to drink?

Un verre means a glass - un verre un verre un verre un verre

Voulez-vous aller boire un verre ? is literally Do you want to go to drink a glass (of something)?



You will be relieved to hear that the French in general don't drink glasses as of course this is very painful and you will end up in the hôpital!- 'un verre' in this context implies a glass of tasty liquid (it doesn't necessarily have to be alcoholic).

So again = try this:

- Do you want =
- To go =
- To drink =
- A glass =



- voulez-vous (sing it)
- aller (GO down the back alley)
- boire - wa wa wa boire
- un verre - un verre un verre

Do you want to go to drink a glass (of something)?



= **Voulez-vous aller boire un verre?**

Another very common way of saying this that you will hear a lot is exactly the same but 'un coup' is used instead of 'un verre'. 'Un coup' actually means a shot (a drink you can drink in one gulp) but in this expression it means to go for a quick drink.

So 'Do you want to go for a quick drink?' - **'Voulez-vous aller boire un coup?'**

'Coup' is spelt - c-o-u-p but you cannot hear the 'p'. The French cannot be bothered to pronounce most letters at the ends of words so c-o-u-p is pronounced cou cou cou.



Again: 'Do you want to go for a quick drink?'

'Voulez-vous aller boire un coup?'

'Voulez-vous aller boire un coup?' is more informal than **'Voulez-vous aller boire un verre?'**

Assez pour aujourd'hui - enough for today and as they say in France **'Tchin tchin'** - 'Cheers!'



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