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Text:	<p>Mayumi had a bottle of wine given to her by a friend. A kind gesture, I'm sure you would agree. "Was it light or full-bodied?" I asked. 'Medium,' she thought.</p> <p>Light wine we often describe as being easy to drink meaning that we are likely to drink more of it and more quickly when compared to full-bodied wine, perhaps..</p> <p>But what exactly determines the body of a wine. Is it possible to describe it even?</p> <p>Lighter wines tend to come from more northerly and, of course, cooler regions, whereas heavier full bodied products originate further south such as in southern Spain or Italy.</p> <p>So, we understand that weather conditions and the type of grapes that grow well in those locations determine the nature of the wine.</p> <p>Typically, lighter wines have a lower alcohol strength; 5.5-9%. Medium ones are 9-13.5% and full-bodied examples higher than that.</p> <p>A quick check of the product listing of a popular UK supermarket shows that red wine is the most popular followed by white. No surprise there, perhaps. Also, France supplies more than twice the number of wines of other countries and therefore has a greater number of products. The wide range of producing countries even includes China!</p>
Discussion:	<p>"The bottle has a screw top. Does that make any difference to the taste?" Mayumi asked. What do you think? Or even, a plastic bottle as opposed to a glass one?</p>
Words and usage:	<p>To convert adjectives relating to size or shape to a noun form, we often add a 'th', as in long >> length, wide >> width. Do you know or can you work out the noun form for these: strong, high, broad, deep? For pronunciation, length is sounded with a 'k' instead of 'g'.</p> <p>Other adjectives ending 'th' include true, warm, broad and young.</p> <p>Verbs with noun forms ending 'th' include bear, grow and die.</p>
Resources:	<p>https://translate.weblio.jp</p> <p>Oxford Dictionaries. http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com</p> <p>The British Council website. https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org</p>
Practice idea:	<p>Describe a drink you have had, alcoholic or not, in as much detail as you can; the flavour, the sensation in the mouth, any after taste and how it makes you feel.</p>
Listening link:	<p>EFL Daily - Cheers! Audio</p> 
Quiz Me! Conversation cards	<p>Available at englishbooks.jp, Amazon and Rakuten</p>  <p>Which is nicer, a chilled or room temperature drink?</p> <p>quizm.jp</p>