Alcohol: Reading tasks

1 Try and answer these questions.
   a What’s the difference between alcohol, liquor and spirits?
   b What’s the difference between a neat drink and a cocktail?
   c Name a drink made from grain, and one made from grapes.

2 Read your three texts and fill in the table below.

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<th>Name of drink</th>
<th>Country of origin</th>
<th>What it’s made from</th>
<th>The colour</th>
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3 Read the three texts again. In pairs answer the following questions.
   Which drink (or drinks) …
   a became more popular because of war?
   b is flavoured with fruit or plants?
   c started as a popular village drink?
   d started as a medicine?
   e is very popular in the US?
   f is named after a foreign word?
   g has two names?
   h can be made from potatoes?
   i has myths (untrue stories) about it?
   j is made from a plant which is special to that country?
   k is served in small glasses?

4 Working with another student answer these questions.
   Which drink …
   a is named after a village?
   b can have animals in it?
   c is normally given with food?
   d is made from a fruit that is popular with animals?
   e was very cheap and popular with poor people?
   f has no taste?

5 What do you think? Which drink…
   a is the strongest?
   b is the most unusual? Why?