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Office Party

The aim of this lesson is to make the students use the key vocabulary and target expressions in a more natural manner.

Language Point

Everyone was so drunk!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Everyone was wasted!- Everyone was hammered!- Everyone was plastered!
Straight-laced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- when they're so poker-faced at work- when they're so serious at work- when they look so intense at work
It's fun to see people let their hair down	

Key vocabulary

out of control	by the end	let one's hair down	straight-laced
venue	awesome	suffer	whisper

Part 1

I. INTRODUCTION

An **office party** is a **workplace event** that most employees look forward to attending. Although it is a chance for employees to take a breather after being swamped with work, it is still important to maintain **professionalism** and not **get carried away**.



II. PRESENTATION

A. Expressions

	Questions:
Everyone was so drunk!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Do you allow yourself to get drunk at office parties?
Straight-laced	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Why might people look so stiff and poker-faced at work?
It's fun to see people let their hair down	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Does your company organize team outings or team building activities to foster stronger relationships between employees?

B. Dialogue

Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

Ally: I hope you're attending the holiday party next week.

Daisy: Of course! I wouldn't miss it for the world. I need to find a dress though.

Ally: Me too. I literally have nothing to wear.

Daisy: Remember last year? It got a little bit out of control by the end. Everyone was so drunk!

Ally: Ha-ha! Yes, it's fun to see people let their hair down, especially when they're so straight-laced at work.

Daisy: Totally. I heard the venue is cool. It just opened a few months ago and they have awesome DJs.

Ally: We just have to suffer through the boring speeches first.

Daisy: (*whispering*) Speaking of boring speeches, look who came in!

Daisy: Hi Mr. Withers, so nice to see you here!

Mr. Withers: Thanks Daisy, I had to work a bit late today.

Ally: Will you be coming to the holiday party next week, Mr. Withers?

Mr. Withers: I wouldn't miss it! I have my speech all prepared!

Q & A!



- In your opinion, why is it important to hold parties at the office?
- Do you think parties involve singing and dancing?
- How can you tell that a party has been successful?

Part 2

III. PRACTICE

Use the newly learned vocabulary and expressions in the following practice exercises.

A. Office Parties in Japan

Directions: Express your ideas about the following topics below.



Describe a typical office party in Japan. Talk about some workplace party etiquette employees should keep in mind.



Describe a traditional Japanese drinking party and the topics that are often discussed at these social events.

B. Let's Talk!

Directions: You are planning to hold a holiday party at the office.

Involve everyone in the planning stages to make the party fun and successful.



Food and Beverages

- Pizza
- _____
- _____



Talent Show

- Song Performance
- _____
- _____



Party Games

- Arm wrestling
- _____
- _____

C. Role-Play

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It is your company's fourth anniversary and your boss has entrusted you and your team with organizing a festive party. Ask your co-workers for help with the flow of the program and make sure to consider their suggestions.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.