Beerlingual, a fun spin on a Thursday night

True or false? Both the Ukraine and Malaysia have two official languages *(you'll have to read till the end to find out!)*

Last Thursday, my friend Mike brought me to **Beerlingual's pub quiz** which is held at a Mexican bar in La Latina called La Morena. I was a bit reluctant at first, thinking my knowledge of random facts wouldn't be up to par. But I ended up joining in on the game, which turned out to be a lot of fun. The bar was packed with people from the world over, and the nachos were ridiculously good.

Beerlingual has since changed its location. Now it is held at **Cervecería Espuma on calle Arganzuela, 1 (metro La Latina & Puerta de Toledo). Same time. See info below for more details.*

Included on the Guardian's list of 8 Hidden Gems in Madrid, here's the inside scoop on Beerlingual's pub quizzes:

Nachos, beer and random questions about sports and the Ukraine.

In Madrid, **Thursday** brings in the weekend, not Friday. So why not add a fun spin on your regular **Thursday night** at the bar with friends and play some **trivia**? Since November of last year, **Beerlingual** has been hosting **free trivia nights** at 9pm every Thursday at **La Morena**, for foreigners and locals alike.

How does it work?

No reservations needed! Show up with your friends by **9pm**, and organizers **Matt** and **Betsey** will be at the door to assign you a **table** (as long as one person from your team holds the table, it's yours). From there just grab a drink, make up a team name, and pick a scribe. You can have groups of **up to 8 people**. If you're more than 8, you might be asked to join another team, which could be fun as you'd meet new people (**Matt** and **Betsey** will help you out).

Before it gets packed for Beerlingual's pub quizzes at La Morena

Matt says that lots of people come in pairs or even solo, so they try to add them to existing groups. Combining people from different countries also turns the event into a **language exchange** as well as a **pub quiz**.

Betsey, an American who's been living in Madrid for five years, is the **quizmaster.** She's on the mic all night asking questions in **Spanish and English**. They provide the paper, but you might want to remember to **bring a pen** (I almost ended up using eyeliner).

How long does it go for?

There are **four rounds**, and each round takes around a half hour. Organizers Matt and Betsey aim for it to **end by 11pm**, but sometimes it runs a bit longer.

What types of questions are asked?

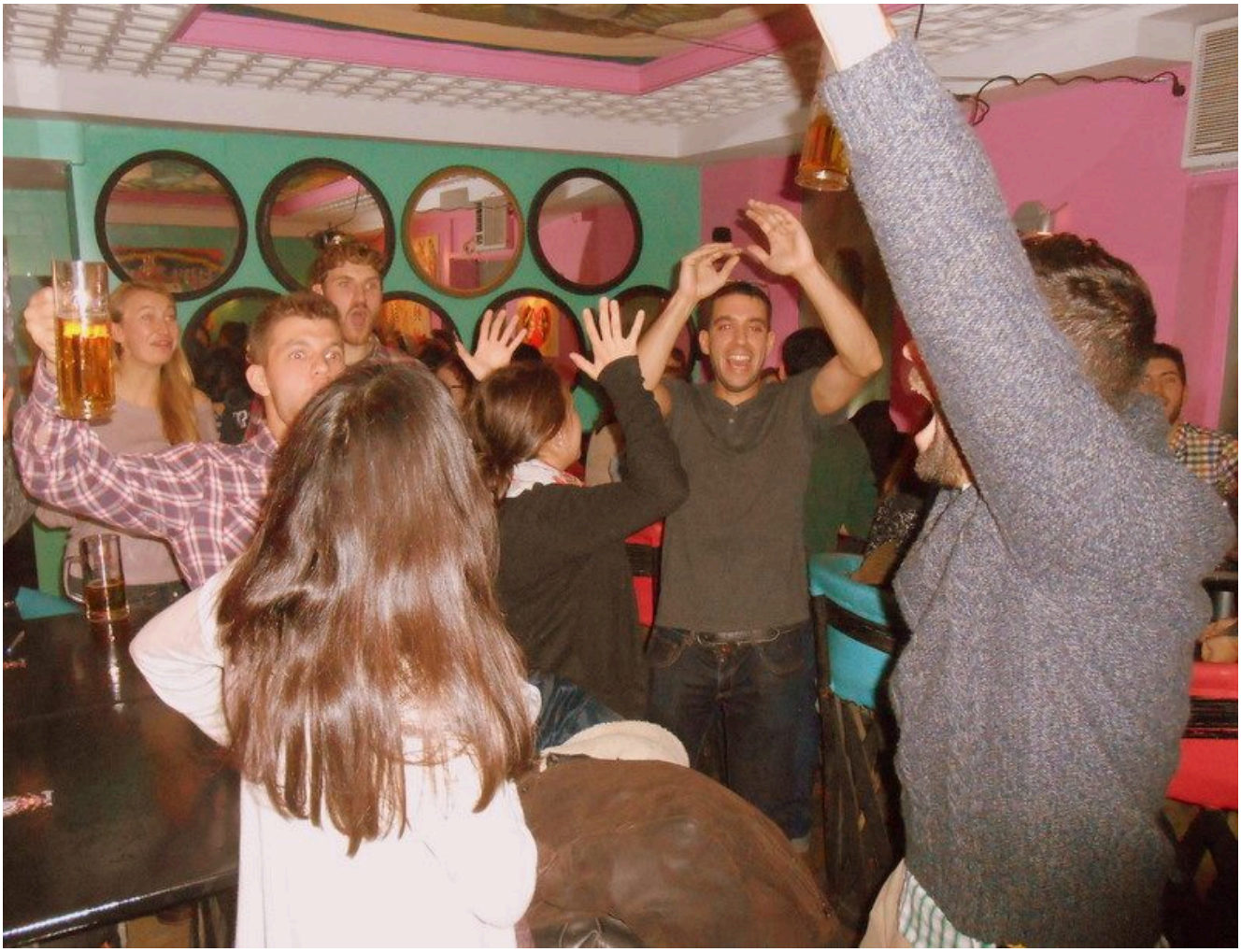
Questions about everything from **movie titles** to **current events** are included in each round. When I went, in the first round we were given ten photos from different movie scenes. The people in the pictures were cut out, and we were asked to identify the movie without seeing any remnants of skin, hair or eyes (we killed that round!).

trying to spot movie scenes from images in which the bodies have been cut out (image from Beerlingual's Facebook page)

In the next round, however, we didn't fare so well. Each question in round 2 pertained to two countries that were heavily featured in recent news—**Ukraine and Malaysia**. Hence, questions such as, "Which country to the north of the Ukraine borders both the Ukraine and Russia?" (in case you're wondering, the answer's Belarus). And the next round was dedicated to **sports…** yikes.

What's the prize?

A round of **5 drinks for the winning table!** (winners can choose from La Morena's extensive cocktail list)



winning team at Beerlingual's pub quiz (image from Beerlingual's Facebook page)

What type of people go?

You'll find people from all over the world, even Spaniards…!

What's the answer to the first question in this article?

False!

Info:

- **Beerlingual**
- **Beerlingual's Facebook**
- **Where:** **Cervecerías Espuma**, Calle Arganzuela, 1
- **Metro:** La Latina & Puerta de Toledo
- **When:** Every Thursday at 9pm