Elixirs: are clear, sweetened hydroalcoholic solutions intended for oral use, and are usually flavoured to enhance their palatability.

Medically they are classified to:

1. Non medicated elixirs: these employed as vehicles for medicinal substances. Ex elixir of glycerin.
2. Medicated elixirs: these contain ingredients giving them therapeutic value.

The proportion of alcohol present in elixirs varies widely since the individual components of the elixirs have different water and alcohol solubility characteristics (each elixir requires a specific blend of alcohol and water to maintain all of components solution.

In addition of alcohol and water other ingredients may be used in elixirs such as:

* Glycerin and propylene glycol which used as adjunct solvents.
* Sucrose , saccharine, and sorbitol as sweetening agent
* Flavouring materials to increase their palatability.
* colouring agents to enhance their appearance.