

Kids need lessons on alcohol emergencies

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1. ALCOHOL:

Walk around the class and talk to other students about kids and alcohol. Change partners often. Sit with your first partner(s) and share your findings.

2. CHAT:

In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

new studies / emergencies / teenagers / drinking too much / fights / hospital / friends / campaigns / organization / abuse / highlight / drunk / weekend / confidence / crisis

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. EMERGENCIES:

What would you do? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change and share again.

	What do you do?	What can go wrong?
Friend collapse		
Fire		
Computer data lost		
Car crash		
Terrorist attack		

4. ISSUES:

Which of these are worst? Rank them and share your rankings with your partner(s). Put the worst at the top. Change partners and share your rankings again.

- teen drinking
- drink driving
- cost to health service
- domestic violence
- lost work days
- crime
- damage to unborn babies
- loud people in the streets

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

TRUE / FALSE:

Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A British charity says children need lessons in how to drink alcohol. T / F
- b. Their report found that most teenagers drank too much alcohol. T / F
- c. Around 7,500 British teens went to hospital last year after drinking. T / F
- d. Only one in ten British teenagers called an ambulance to help friends. T / F
- e. The Red Cross hopes to reach kids about many kinds of emergencies. T / F
- f. The charity says 20% of British teens get drunk every month. T / F
- g. They also say that around 30% of younger teens drink most weekends. T / F
- h. The Red Cross is seeking original ways of helping young people. T / F

SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms from the article.

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. deal | a. made public |
| 2. situation | b. called |
| 3. unconscious | c. drank |
| 4. linked | d. shows |
| 5. dialed | e. connected |
| 6. released | f. out cold |
| 7. abuse | g. circumstance |
| 8. reveals | h. cope |
| 9. consumed | i. original |
| 10. innovative | j. mistreatment |

PHRASE MATCH:

(Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

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|---|----------------------------|
| 1. how to deal with alcohol- | a. four large cans of beer |
| 2. a friend drank | b. up in hospital |
| 3. 7,500 under-15s ended | c. new campaign |
| 4. Only ten per cent of youngsters dialed | d. reach young people |
| 5. did what they could and hoped | e. related emergencies |
| 6. part of its | f. to say that... |
| 7. It goes on | g. in a crisis |
| 8. the equivalent of | h. for the best |
| 9. confidence to cope | i. too much |
| 10. innovative ways to | j. the emergency services |

GAP FILL:

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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afraid need drunken deal hoped linked been unconscious

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large issue deal reach average survey ensure goes

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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ARTICLE QUESTIONS:

Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

TEST EACH OTHER:

Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

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|------------|---------|
| • ages | • drank |
| • due to | • 7,500 |
| • call | • hoped |
| • campaign | • kinds |
| • issue | • once |
| • large | • ways |

WRITING

Write about kids and alcohol for 10 minutes. Correct your partner's paper.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

- a.F
- b.F
- c.F
- d.T
- e.T
- f.F
- g.T
- h.T

SYNONYM MATCH:

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|---------------|-----------------|
| 1.deal | a. cope |
| 2.situation | b. circumstance |
| 3.unconscious | c. out cold |
| 4.linked | d. connected |
| 5.dialed | e. called |
| 6.released | f. made public |
| 7.abuse | g. mistreatment |
| 8.reveals | h. shows |
| 9.consumed | i. drank |
| 10.innovative | j. original |

PHRASE MATCH:

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|--|----------------------------|
| 1.how to deal with alcohol- | a. related emergencies |
| 2a friend drank | b. too much |
| 3.7,500 under-15s ended | c. up in hospital |
| 4.Only ten per cent of youngsters dialed | d. the emergency services |
| 5.did what they could and hoped | e. for the best |
| 6.part of its | f. new campaign |
| 7.It goes on | g. to say that... |
| 8.the equivalent of | h. four large cans of beer |
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| 10.innovative ways to | j. reach young people |

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