

IDENTITY

To binge or not to binge - Role cards

Policeman Bobby Wise

You are a traffic policeman and you often have to deal with drunk drivers, usually young males. You have two teenage daughters and you worry a lot when they go out in the evenings. You think more money should be invested in the police force.

Roy Jones

You are 18 years old and have just passed your driving test. You're rather fond of having a drink with your mates, and you are convinced you won't develop a drinking problem if you only party at the weekend. Your motto is: Live it up!

Mr and Mrs Sullivan

Your son was killed in an accident while driving his moped home after a party. Ever since then you spend Friday nights in the city centre trying to convince young people to stop drinking. You strongly suggest that the city (and preferably the whole country) make all kinds of alcoholic beverages illegal.

Social Worker Mandy Smith

You have worked committedly for years with 'A Non Drinking Generation' trying to help young people choose other activities than drinking on Friday nights. In your opinion, more people need to engage in this kind of work. Try to make people sign up on your list of 'responsible and sober people'.

Bar-owner Eric Collins

You are the owner of 'The Boozer', the most popular pub in town. On Friday and Saturday nights people of all ages hang out at your place. You find it very difficult to judge the age of people but you don't want to scare off guests by asking for identification when they order drinks. You argue that it's the parents' responsibility to keep a check on their teenage children.

Alcoholic Tina Hunter

You dropped out of school and are now an unemployed alcoholic. At 28 you still live with your parents and you have lost touch with most of your friends. You realize you're an alcoholic and would like some help but find all detox activities dull, and people who don't drink are just a bunch of crashing bores. Motto: Life's too short to be bored.

Paul Clarke

You are 17 years old and against all kinds of drugs, including alcoholic beverages. As a matter of fact, you have never even tasted any strong drink and are convinced that you can have a nice time with friends without drinking. You are a strong person and never hesitate to argue against alcohol and other drugs.

Doctor Alan Johnson

You have to deal with intoxicated young people every day and you are worried about injuries and diseases – including sexually transmitted diseases - caused by rising alcohol consumption. Give examples of what you have personally witnessed. To prevent things from getting any worse you would like to start a series of lectures on this topic. Get the others to register for your classes.

Emma Kaye

You are a 17-year-old girl who likes life a lot and really enjoys going to parties. After your last hangover you decided to become a teetotaller (nykterist) – no more alcohol. Try to convince the others that you can have just as much fun drinking non-alcoholic beverages and also give examples of all the fun things sober people can do.