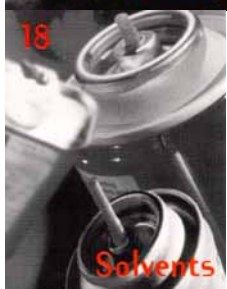
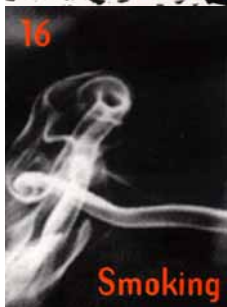
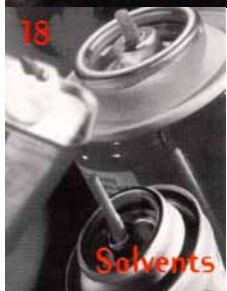


## SESSION 1

### TEACHERS ANSWER SHEET WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ALCOHOL, SOLVENTS & CIGARETTES?



1. **Give reasons why you think young people drink alcohol?**

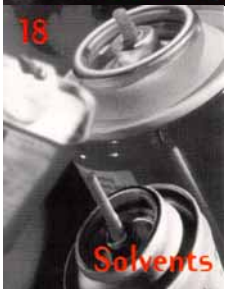
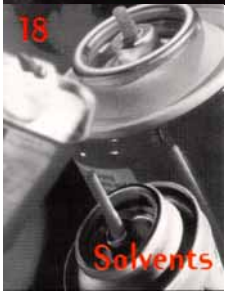
- \* to try it out
- \* because their friends do it
- \* boredom
- \* want to forget / block things out
- \* to relax
- \* to feel more confident
- \* to act 'big'
- \* to copy adults
- \* at a celebration
- \* to feel 'out of it'

2. **FALSE.** It is not illegal for a retailer to sell solvents to a person under the age of 18yrs. **HOWEVER...** The law prohibits the supply of solvents to people under 18yrs, when the supplier knows or has reasonable cause to believe the substance is likely to be used for the purpose of intoxication. The law also prohibits the supply of cigarette lighter refill canisters containing butane to a person under 18yrs.

3. **16yrs old is the legal age at which a person is allowed to purchase cigarettes.**

4. **List of the dangers associated with alcohol.**

- \* loss of control / co-ordination
- \* can't remember what they have done
- \* drink driving, including being a passenger with intoxicated driver
- \* long term health effects i.e. damage to brain, liver, stomach
- \* more easily persuaded to do risky / dangerous things
- \* leaves you more vulnerable



- \* unprotected sex
- \* alcohol poisoning
- \* vomiting

5. **TRUE.** One unit of alcohol = one glass of wine or half a pint of ordinary strength beer/lager/cider.  
One needs to look on the bottle or can to find the strength of the alcohol i.e. what percentage of the total amount contains alcohol.

6. **Reasons why you think young people may abuse solvents.**

- \* to get 'high'
- \* to forget / blot out problems
- \* to be part of a group
- \* want to take risks
- \* boredom
- \* to try it out
- \* easy to get hold of

7. **TRUE.** A police officer may seize tobacco or cigarette papers from a person apparently under 16yrs whom they find smoking in any street or public place.

8. **It is legal to buy alcohol from a shop at 18yrs or over.**  
The retailer commits an offence if they sell alcohol to a person under 18yrs of age.

9. **TRUE.** Alcohol is a depressant drug.  
It appears to be a stimulant simply because it dulls those parts of the brain which usually makes us behave with restraint.

10. **Some of the dangers associated with solvents.**

- \* vomiting and drowsiness
- \* unconsciousness
- \* increased risk of accidents
- \* suffocation
- \* heart failure
- \* asphyxiation

11. **TRUE.** If you are under 18yrs and in a public place, a police officer may require you to hand over your alcohol and give your name and address. If you refuse you can be arrested.

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