

## Case Study: The Police Constable

Match the words in Activity A (below) with the blanks in the article. Work in your exercise book.

### Laura says ...

"Weekends are difficult. Young people seem to think they must get drunk to have a good night out. Why? It costs them an awful lot of 1)\_\_\_\_\_ and they end up feeling horrible the next day."

"I lived in France for a couple of years and we often went out in large groups to bars and clubs. We bought alcohol but no-one got really drunk. We would talk and laugh a lot, and sometimes go dancing, but young French people have a different 2)\_\_\_\_\_ to alcohol."

"As a police constable back in the UK, I now deal with the 3)\_\_\_\_\_ caused by alcohol misuse. I see so many young lives being ruined. It's heartbreaking. Most teenagers think 4)\_\_\_\_\_ things won't happen to them but all too often, they do."

"Violence is a big problem ... and the victims are often innocent. However they are drunk and don't see the warning signs when trouble starts to brew. Tragically I have dealt with too many youngsters who died simply because they were in the wrong 5)\_\_\_\_\_ at the wrong time."

"Girls are less likely to get caught up in the violence but they have other problems to cope with. Drunk females are easy targets for some men. Young girls often wake up in the morning and find they have done things which can 6)\_\_\_\_\_ their lives. Unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases were the last thing on their mind the night before. Also, girls who get drunk are more 7)\_\_\_\_\_ to suffer a sexual assault."

"Thankfully it's not all doom and gloom. Many young people are getting the message about the dangers of misusing alcohol. Teachers are working hard to persuade pupils to 8)\_\_\_\_\_ after themselves, and more schools now offer the *BIIAB Certificate in Alcohol Awareness*, a qualification which educates young people about alcohol."

"The police also get a lot of help from the drinks industry. Workers in bars and clubs are just as keen as us to avoid trouble. Yes they sell alcohol, but they want their customers to drink 9)\_\_\_\_\_. Many bar staff and door supervisors are now trained to 10)\_\_\_\_\_ and deal with sources of trouble and they often work closely with the police to root out troublemakers."

"Underage drinking is also a big issue in the UK. The police are pleased so many bars, clubs and shops now try hard to 11)\_\_\_\_\_ youngsters under 18 buying alcohol but the real solution lies with young people. Many get drunk simply because 12)\_\_\_\_\_ put of pressure on them to do so. We need these young people to make up their own minds!"



### ACTIVITIES

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| <p>A) Match the words below to the 12 blanks in the article:<br/>         problems ruin friends spot attitude bad<br/>         look prevent likely place money sensibly</p> <p>B) What does Laura say about young people in France?</p> <p>C) How can being drunk make innocent young people more likely to become the victims of violence?</p> | <p>D) List some of the problems young girls may have to cope with if they get very drunk?</p> <p>E) Do you agree with Laura that the solution to alcohol misuse lies with young people themselves? Explain.</p> <p>F) If you were the Prime Minister, what steps would you take to deal with the problems of alcohol misuse?</p> |
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