


46 Underage Drinking

The aim of this lesson is to make the students use the key vocabulary and target expressions in a more natural manner.

Language Point

Doesn't matter,	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- That's not the point,- That's irrelevant,- I don't care,- It makes no difference,	
That seems weird,	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- That seems odd,- That seems strange,- That seems unusual,	
Oh my!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- (Oh my) God!- (Oh my) Gosh!- (Oh my) Goodness!	

Key vocabulary

underage	bouncer	proper	weird
drink oneself to death	exception	up to...	literally

Part 1

I. INTRODUCTION

Underage drinking is becoming a serious concern in many countries across the globe. More often than not, **alcohol consumption** among minors happens due to peer pressure, stress from school, teenage romantic relationships and family problems.



II. PRESENTATION

A. Expressions

	Questions:
Doesn't matter.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ What, for you, is the right age for a person to start drinking?
That seems weird.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ What weird things can drunk people do?
Oh my.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Have you been so drunk that you ended up doing weird things?

B. Dialogue

Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

Bouncer: Can I see some ID?

Yuko: It's okay, I'm over 21.

Bouncer: I still need to see some ID.

Yuko: Sorry, I left it at the hotel. I promise I'm old enough. Do I seriously look under 21?

Bouncer: Doesn't matter, I can't let you in without an ID. Club policy.

Yuko: How about if I don't even drink? I'll be the designated driver.

Bouncer: Sorry, Miss, it's not up to me. We can't let anyone in without a proper ID. No exceptions.

Yuko: Sorry, Sara, I didn't realize I needed it. In Japan, the drinking age is 20 but no one ever checks for your ID.

Sara: It's okay. It is a bit strange that in America you can drive a car, vote and join the army at age 18 but not be able to drink.

Yuko: That seems weird, but I know drinking can be dangerous. My cousin literally drank himself to death. He died from excessive alcohol consumption.

Sara: Oh my! I'm so sorry. That's so sad. Let's go have some coffee instead.

Q & A:



- Do you think alcoholism is inherited?
- Why do you think teenagers are curious about consuming alcohol of any kind?
- How can schools discourage underage drinking?

Part 2

III. PRACTICE

Use the newly learned vocabulary and expressions in the following practice exercises.

A. Two Truths, One Fib

Directions: Tell two truths and one lie about yourself.
The statements should be about drinking.



B. Let's Talk!

Directions: Say whether you agree or disagree with the statements below. Explain why.

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Cheers!



Alcohol, when consumed in moderation, can be good for teens.

Do you agree or disagree?



Underage drinking is largely due to advertisements about alcohol.

Do you agree or disagree?



Alcohol is more addictive than cigarettes.

Do you agree or disagree?

C. Role-Play

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Talk with your teacher about
the importance of drinking responsibly.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.