



Alcoholism

GLOSSARY:

Alcoholism: l'alcoolisme	The advertising : la publicité
To be spared: être épargné	Minimum drinking age : l'âge legal pour consommer de l'alcool
To raise: élever	legal blood alcohol limit: le taux d'alcool autorisé
To lower: baisser	Group dynamics: l'effet de groupe
To fathom: comprendre, sonder	Anger : la colère
To drive: conduire	Illness : la maladie
To drink to excess: boire à l'excès	Thrombosis: thrombose
To land: atterrir, ici se retrouver	High blood pressure: l'hypertension
To binge : prendre une cuite	Sudden cardiac death: crise cardiaque mortelle
To link : lier	A vast subject: un vaste sujet
To play a part : jouer un rôle	The hours of sale: les heures de vente
To prevent from : empêcher de	The convenience of purchasing: la facilité d'achat
To contribute : contribuer	Within: au sein de
To double : doubler	Younger : plus jeune
To restrict : restreindre	Eventually : enfin, pour finir
To purchase : acheter	Through : par, à cause de
The alcohol consumption : la consommation d'alcool	Per capita: par personne
A new phenomenon : un nouveau phénomène	At least : au moins
Binge drinking : la biture express, l'alcool-défonce	
Binge drinkers : les adeptes de la biture express	
The issue : le problème	
The lack : le manque	
Anti-drinking campaign : une campagne anti-alcoolique	



Dialogue:

W: Sarah, how is the alcohol consumption within the university?

Sarah: are you thinking about this new phenomenon called binge drinking?

W: Yes, I heard about it and found it quite scary.

Sarah: well I think it is especially famous in England, but France has not been spared, where apparently binge drinkers are even younger than in England.

W: To my mind the issue probably comes from the lack of anti-drinking campaigns.

Sarah: do you think so? I do think that we should first ban the advertising of alcohol, raise the minimum drinking age, and eventually the legal blood alcohol limit for driving should be lowered.

W: you're certainly right. It is difficult to fathom what drives people to drink to excess: group dynamics, stress, anger probably all play a part. Every year in the UK alcohol lands one hundred fifty thousand people in hospital through illness and accidents.

Sarah: We all know that bingeing is linked to increased risk of thrombosis, high blood pressure and sudden cardiac death.

W: unfortunately I don't think that might prevent people from drinking, as just in the US, alcohol contributes to a hundred thousand deaths a year, and per capita consumption of alcohol in the UK has doubled since nineteen sixty.

Sarah: well at least to restrict the hours of sale would help decrease the convenience of purchasing.

W: maybe. It's a vast subject anyway.