

SPEAKING CLUB

ADDICTIONS



Task 1

Use these words to complete the sentences:

addictive	alcoholic
addict	alcohol
addicted	alcoholism
addiction	

1. A surprising number of people are to gambling.
2. He checked into a clinic to try to get over his drug
3. I've never met anyone who is actually a drug
4. Both heroin and crack cocaine are extremely substances.
5. She realised he was an when he started drinking at breakfast time.
6. The problem got so bad he started hiding around the house.
7. Overcoming is a daily process. It means saying 'no' to drink every day for the rest of your life.

Task 3

DISCUSS

1 How many of these things do you have in your house/flat?

- ordinary plastic carrier bags
- carrier bags from famous shops
- empty wine bottles
- empty jam jars
- old newspapers
- old magazines
- favourite old clothes
- programmes from concerts or plays
- pens
- old cosmetics

2 Are there any other things you secretly hoard?

3 Have you ever heard about some unusual things people collect?

Task 2

Use the correct form of these expressions to complete the sentences below:

*seek professional help
get withdrawal symptoms
kick the habit
have a drink problem
take an overdose*

1. I think my boss You can smell alcohol on his breath first thing in the morning.
2. She died after accidentally of sleeping pills.
3. A lot of people want to give up smoking, but it's very difficult to
4. When he wasn't able to get hold of any drugs for a few days, he started to
5. When he realised he was addicted to alcohol, he decided to

Task 4**ROLE PLAY**

STUDENT A	STUDENT B
Situation 1	
You live in a cottage, and your neighbour is a hoarder. His yard is full of rubbish, old furniture, car parts and other things. It looks awful and smells even worse. You can't stand it anymore.	You live in a countryside and you never throw things away. You are sure that they are not rubbish and that you need them all. You can't understand why your neighbours are angry.
Situation 2	
You want to have a wonderful career and work hard to get it. You hope to be promoted soon and you can't understand why your boyfriend/girlfriend is angry.	Your boyfriend/girlfriend is a workaholic. You live together, but he/she spends almost all the time working, he/she even talks only about work.
Situation 3	
Your son/daughter is addicted to video games. He/she spends hours playing. Today you suggested going for a walk together, but he/she refused and is now playing a new game.	You are 15 years old. You have just downloaded a new game and are fighting monsters. You can't understand why your mom/dad is worried.
Situation 4	
Your friend has come to see you. You have some good tequila and you are offering your friend a drink. He/she looks worried and says "No". You say "As you wish" and fill your glass only.	You think your friend has problems with alcohol. You see him/her every day having a drink. You have come to visit him/her, and there are some empty bottles in the kitchen. Now your friend is offering you some tequila.
Situation 5	
Last month you gave your friend \$100, and he didn't return it. A week ago he took \$50 more from you. It's all because of his gambling addiction. Now he is calling and asking you for \$2000. You are shocked and angry.	You have lost all your money playing in a casino. Now you have to pay \$2000 more, but you have nothing in your wallet. You are calling your best friend and asking for help.