

Unit 8 Dealing with sensitive issues

Vocabulary from the book

alcohol use
 bad trip
 break up with someone
 clean up
 cold turkey
 come down
 contract
 detox
 discharge
 domestic violence
 dribble
 dry out
 ethnic origin
 hair of the dog
 have intercourse
 it bugs me
 kick the habit
 measure (of alcohol)
 miss a period
 on the pill
 pint
 pre-marital sex
 promiscuous
 recreational drug
 sensitive question
 sexual dysfunction
 sexual orientation
 speculate
 spirits
 STI (sexually transmitted infection)
 stomach cramps
 stoned
 strain (verb)
 tender
 the shakes
 underage sex
 unit of alcohol
 unprotected
 wasted
 wrecked

Additional vocabulary

addict
 cap
 Class A drug
 condom
 dope
 hard stuff
 leak
 pick up
 prescription drug
 protection
 shorts (alcohol)
 shot
 sore
 split up with someone
 tackle
 take up
 trickle
 tube

Exercise 1

Match the words in the two columns to make a common useful phrase from the unit.

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| 1 stomach | a the habit |
| 2 pre-marital | b violence |
| 3 on the | c sex |
| 4 kick | d drug |
| 5 cold | e orientation |
| 6 ethnic | f cramps |
| 7 domestic | g origin |
| 8 recreational | h use |
| 9 sexual | i turkey |
| 10 alcohol | j pill |

Exercise 2

Match the words or phrases with their synonyms.

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1 wasted | a shorts |
| 2 periods | b catch |
| 3 break up (with someone) | c delicate |
| 4 spirits | d menstruation |
| 5 tender | e measure |
| 6 bug (verb) | f wrecked |
| 7 contract | g split up |
| 8 unit (of alcohol) | h annoy |
| 9 detox | i sore |
| 10 sensitive (question) | j cleanse |

Exercise 3

Put the following words or phrases into the correct column.

hair of the dog stoned have a bad trip promiscuous STI pint dry out
come down spirits unprotected condom dope

alcohol	other drugs	sexual

Exercise 4

Identify which one out of the following groups of words is the odd one out.

1	wasted	stoned	drunk	promiscuous
2	cap	pill	condom	protection
3	tube	measure	unit	shot
4	take up	contract	catch	pick up
5	spirits	shorts	pints	hard stuff
6	clean up	get the shakes	go cold turkey	come down
7	STI	HIV	AIDS	A & E
8	tackle	dribble	leak	trickle

Exercise 5

Fill the gaps with suitable words or phrases from the unit.

- Much research has been carried out on the link between being _____ and cervical cancer.
- Any abuse between current or former partners in an intimate relationship, including physical or emotional or financial, can constitute _____.
- _____ is an unpleasant, often painful, sensation caused by contraction or over-shortening of muscles.
- When calculating their weekly alcohol consumption, many people overlook the fact that one _____ of strong beer can be as much as three _____ of alcohol.
- A good definition of _____ is that little extra urine that almost inevitably seems to _____ out after you have deliberately tried to stop the flow.
- The commonest reasons for haemorrhoids to develop are constipation, passing large stools (faeces), and _____ on the toilet.
- One of the earliest signs of a probable pregnancy is _____.
- There could be many reasons, which are completely unrelated to any mental illness, for someone's abnormal behaviour and therefore it is ill advised to _____ before a thorough assessment has been made.

If you are having difficulty, here are the words or phrases for the exercise.

cramp units speculate domestic violence missing a period straining dribbling
on the pill pint trickle