

EXCERPT FROM "SMOKING" BY PLACIDO DOMINGO RODRIGUEZ

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Read the text carefully.

Many teens start smoking because they have friends or older brothers and sisters who do. Some teens look at smoking as a way to get through their school or other difficult social situations. Smoking gives them something to do with their hands and makes them feel like an adult.

Others believe that it is a way to help them relax when they are stressed out because of schoolwork, responsibilities or family problems.

The author does not agree with teens smoking - unless it is part of their studies when they are still young - they have to learn to get used to it.

They may start by asking for cigarettes at the home of a friend or a party, and then go to the store to buy more. Some teens believe they don't get without their pack. They get up in the morning for cigarettes first thing in the morning, at the movies, or during any social time. They are addicted, both physically and psychologically.

A. Find the synonym of the following words in the text:

4 POINTS

1. Friends _____
2. Believed (L1) _____
3. Begin (L2) _____
4. addicted (L3) _____

B. Answer the following questions in the text:

12 POINTS

1. Why do many teens start smoking?

2. How do teenagers relax when smoking?

3. Do people start to become addicted when they start smoking?
