

EXCERPT FROM "THE SMOKE" BY PLACIDO DOMINGO

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Read the text carefully.

Many people start smoking because they have friends or other smokers and they're alone. Some have had to smoke as a way to get through their stress, 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 and because of this reason, they quit smoking or they give up.

The author also says people start smoking because of their friends and other smokers that they are with when they are alone.

They may start by smoking for cigarettes at the time of a party, and then go to the store to buy more. They may think they don't get without that pack. They get used to smoking for cigarettes first thing in the morning, after meals, 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.

(3 POINTS)

1. Why do many people start smoking?

2. How do they usually start smoking?

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