

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 classes 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 activities, responsibilities or family problems.

The author also says people start smoking because a lot of adult smokers start when they are still teens. They want to feel like an adult.

They may start by asking for cigarettes at an uncle's house at a party, and then go to the store to buy more. Some teens realize they don't get around that point. They get caught thinking for cigarettes the first thing in the morning, at the movies, or during any social time. They are embarrassed, feel physically and psychologically.

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

4 POINTS

1. Friends _____
2. Relaxed (L1) _____
3. Responsible (L1) _____
4. Embarrassed (L1) _____

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?
