

Activity

Use with Chapter 11, Lesson 2.

45**Enrichment****Differing Effects of Alcohol**

Read the situation below. Answer the questions. Then, on the lines that follow each question, use what you know about the factors that determine how drinking affects a person to explain your answer.

The company where Lisa, Greg, Michael, and David work is holding an end-of-project party. Alcohol is served. All four are adults and have made a choice to consume alcohol occasionally. When they do drink, they want to do so in a responsible way.

1. Is it likely that Lisa will be able to tolerate more or less alcohol than Greg, Michael, and David? Why?

2. When the group entered the party, David headed right for the food. The other three said they weren't hungry yet and headed for the bar. How will David's eating affect his alcohol tolerance?

3. Michael's allergies have been giving him a lot of trouble lately. He decides to take a dose of his allergy medicine just before he goes to the party to make sure he feels his best. Was this a wise decision? Why or why not?

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4. Greg is not very tall and is underweight. Would you expect him to have a higher or lower tolerance of alcohol because of his size? Why?

5. When the friends arrived at the party, they met Wanda, who was gulping down an alcoholic drink. "I'm so thirsty," she said, finishing the drink. "I'm going to get another." How will the fast rate at which Wanda is drinking affect her tolerance?
