

Scenario

Jenny is at a party, and she doesn't have her parents' consent and is not the legal age for drinking. Her friends are all drinking, and Jenny hasn't had much experience with alcohol. Her brother has given her a box of alcohol to drink that her parents don't know about. While at the party her friend offers her to try a shot, but Jenny is unsure whether she should take it.

Jenny, who is underage, is at a party with her friends and her brother has given her a box of beer that her parents don't know about, her friends have also handed her a shot and she's unsure whether to risk getting caught drinking alcohol underage and hope nothing bad happens or to not take the alcohol, leave the party and risk losing her friends.

Choices

The first choice Jenny has is to take the shot and possibly get caught drinking and losing her parents' trust resulting in not being able to go out/ hang out with her friends again.

The second choice is not to take the shot, leave the party and not hang out with her friends because they are making bad choices, resulting in losing her friends.

The third choice is to explain to her friends that she does not want to take the shot and does not want to get involved with anything illegal because she is underage and hopefully, they will understand and allow her to stay at the party but not drink.

Factors

-Factors that could influence her to choose **option 1** are social and cultural norms because teenagers have normalized drinking at parties and when you don't drink you are considered scared or a 'pussy', But since everyone else is drinking you don't want to feel left out or been seen as a 'pussy' so you take the shot.

-Factors that could influence her to choose **option 2** are legal issues/risks because underage drinking without parental consent is illegal in New Zealand and you could risk getting caught and in big trouble. So, Jenny should just leave the party and not risk getting caught.

-Factors that could influence her to choose **option 3** is the impact on relationships with others because being able to talk to your friends about not wanting to take the shot will result in a positive outcome and she will be able to stay at the party as well as keep her friends and not have to drink.

Consequences

-The positive consequences of choosing **option 1**: Her friends are happy she is drinking with them, and they will invite her over more, resulting in her relationship growing with them.

-The negative consequences of choosing **option 1**: She might get really drunk and her parents will catch her, and she will lose their trust and might not be able to hang out with her friends again.

-The positive consequences of choosing **option 2**: She won't get caught and won't be involved if anything bad happens.

-The negative consequences of choosing **option 2**: Her friends probably won't hang out with her again because she left, and people might view her as not fun.

-The positive consequences of choosing **option 3**: Her friends will understand, and she will be able to stay at the party but not take the shot and have fun.

-The negative consequences of choosing **option 3**: Her friends won't understand and will think she is boring for not drinking.

Feelings

The consequence of **option 1** It will cause feelings of regret because she took the shot and drunk alcohol underage and also behind her parent's backs.

The consequence of **option 2** It will cause feelings of being excluded because her friends are all drinking and having fun, but she knows she needs to leave because it would be irresponsible if she stays.

The consequence of **option 3** It will cause feelings of being appreciated because her friends understand and won't pressure her into drinking, but they still want her to have a good time.

The decision

The best decision she can make is **option 3** Because explaining to her friends that she doesn't want to drink will help them understand that she doesn't want to drink alcohol, but she also wants to stay and have fun, so they will understand. She will also keep her relationship with them and maybe even grow it because of the trust.

Because with **option 3** she can stay at the party, not drink, and grow a relationship with her friends by talking to them about how she feels about underage drinking. This will result in a positive night with her friends, and you won't risk getting caught or in trouble.

The decision on **option 3** impacts her by not putting alcohol into her system so, it's impacting her body in a positive way. The decision on **option 3** impacts others by having herself as someone sober. She can look after everyone else with positive results because it lowers the chances of someone doing something bad while intoxicated. The decision on **option 3** impacts society because by having a loud party her neighbours will be able to hear it and if she hadn't warned them that she is having a party they might get mad which would cause negative results.