

**Bell Ringer: Reading Informational Text****Grade Level:** 9-10**Common Core:** CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.9-10.4

Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in the text, including figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the cumulative impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone (e.g., how the language evokes a sense of time and place; how it sets a formal or informal tone).

**Competency:** H7 Demonstrate the ability to practice health-enhancing behaviors and avoid or reduce healthy risk.

**Objective:** The student will draw conclusions on the risk of Alcohol, Other Drugs and Driving.

**Duration:** 15 minutes

**Description:**

1. The teacher will give students the article “Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Driving” or have students access the article on [www.adtsea.org](http://www.adtsea.org).
2. Students will read the article about impaired driving gathering knowledge about the author’s main purpose for writing.
3. Once students have read the article, they will answer two two-part questions to test their reading comprehension. Students will need to use text evidence to justify their answers.

**Answer Key:**

1. Part A: C  
Part B: D
2. Part A: D  
Part B: B

“Alcohol, Other Drugs and Driving”

**1. Part A**

What is the meaning of the word **impairment** as used in paragraph 9?

- A. improvement
- B. disqualification
- C. deterioration
- D. mischief

**Part B**

Which statement from the text provides the **best** context for determining the meaning of **impairment**?

- A. “There is no way to get all the alcohol out of the circulatory system in order to become sober quickly.” (Paragraph 8)
- B. “Therefore, if someone has had four normal drinks, the person should wait four hours or more before driving.” (Paragraph 8)
- C. “The best advice is to not drive a vehicle of any kind if alcohol or other drugs are consumed.” (Paragraph 9)
- D. “Even one drink of alcohol can affect a person’s ability to operate a motor vehicle.” (Paragraph 9)

**2. Part A**

What is the **main** purpose of this passage?

- A. to persuade teenagers not to drink and drive
- B. to persuade teenagers to wait four hours after drinking before driving or test their BAC before driving
- C. to inform teenagers of the laws about using alcohol and other impairing drugs
- D. to inform teenagers of the dangers of using alcohol and other impairing drugs when driving

**Part B**

3. Which quotation from the passage best supports the answer to Part A?

- A. “If you are younger than 21 it is illegal to purchase, publicly possess and drink alcoholic beverages.”
- B. “Alcohol and other drugs reduce the important skills you need to drive safely.”
- C. “It takes about an hour for the body to get rid of one normal drink from the circulatory system.”
- D. “You could be sentenced to jail and your license could be suspended.”