

Activity 5: Key Vocabulary

Vocabulary Self-Awareness Chart

- Examine the list of words in the first column.
- Put a “+” next to each word you know well (third column).
- Put a “□” next to any words for which you could provide an example or a partial definition, if asked (fourth column).
- Put a “-” next to the words that are new to you (fifth column).
- Find each word in the designated paragraph in the article and highlight it.
- Study your assigned word(s) in context, and write a brief definition in your own words that can be shared with the class (last column). Consult a printed or online dictionary if needed for clarification.
- Share definitions with the class/group.

WORD		+	□	-	DEFINITION
	¶ #	Know it	Heard of it	New to me	Use the context in the article to help you write it in your own words.
scope	3				
rampant	4				
reprise	4				
revelation	6				
precedent	7				
rite	8				

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counterproductive	12				
cohort	18				
tantamount	24				
punitive	30				

Demonstrate Understanding of Key Vocabulary

Use the word bank below to complete the sentences in the following paragraph about the topic you are about to study. Each word will be used once.

scope	rampant	reprise	revelation	precedent
rite	counterproductive	cohort	tantamount	punitive

“May I have the car keys?” is a familiar refrain to many parents of teenagers, and although it is almost a cliché for older adults, it may come as a _____ to many that the under-eighteen _____ is finding it increasingly more difficult to participate in this quintessentially American _____ of passage—taking the car out for a spin without mom or dad in the passenger seat.

A 2011 _____ of this question might be: “My probationary year was up last week, so I’m going to pick up Jack and Jill and drop them off before the curfew . . . Can I have the car keys?” The Graduated Driver’s License (GDL) may be setting a for policies regulating the _____ of young people’s rights. But, could this approach really work with, say, teens and alcohol? Binge drinking is _____ at many college campuses, and the majority of drinkers are likely underage. Supporters of a lowered drinking age believe that forcing young people to wait until they are 21 is _____ to encouraging them to party in unsafe and secretive situations. Those who oppose lowering it to match the social reality say it would be _____ and dangerous, claiming that moving the drinking age to 18 would actually be pushing the limit towards 15 and 16 year olds. Regardless, many experts are suggesting a less _____

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more understanding approach to the rights of minors in the hopes of teaching them to take on more responsibility, even as they seek more freedoms.