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Bingebusters

Part 1: Read the article “Dangerous Drinks” (page 22). Circle *T* for true or *F* for false for the following statements.

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| 1. About half a million U.S. teens are binge drinkers. | T | F |
| 2. Each year in this country, alcohol abuse kills four times as many people under 21 as all illegal drugs put together do. | T | F |
| 3. In the article, Megan said “drinking to get drunk” is rare for teens in her town. | T | F |
| 4. Alcohol poisoning is one dangerous risk of binge drinking. | T | F |
| 5. Binge drinking as an adolescent has no lasting effects on the brain. | T | F |
| 6. Abusing alcohol can harm teens’ ability to control impulses, make decisions, and learn and remember facts. | T | F |
| 7. The risk of alcoholism is the same no matter what age a person starts drinking. | T | F |
| 8. Binge drinking means having one alcoholic drink per hour. | T | F |

Part 2:

One controversial method of teaching people not to use alcohol involves the use of special goggles. While wearing this device, people experience what it is like to be drunk, with slowed reaction times and distorted vision. Some feel this is a useful tool in showing teens how drastically alcohol can change a person’s perception and ability to act, especially when driving. However, others think the goggles are counterproductive and undermine the lesson by provoking laughter.

Explain why you think this tool would or would not be useful in teaching teens about the effects of alcohol.
