

## E10b/Br Binge Drinking – Expectations

I)

- Focus on binge drinking: heaps of empty alcohol bottles strewn over the table, raised glasses
- Center of attention: 5 college students with dull faces – they are under the influence of both alcohol and the warning of the Grim Reaper that intimidates them
- Grim Reaper’s comment is a hidden death threat – it is a play on words as joining his fraternity means death
- Setting: a rush week organized by a fraternity that invites young male students to become members; one attraction of this drive could be free alcoholic drinks

II)

- Reference to the fraternity binge drinking that caused the problem or made it worse
- Detailed description of physical problems like vomiting, nausea and even passing out
- Peer pressure: fear to be seen a wimp by one’s peers (if refusing to drink)
- Emotional state: despair and plea for help
- Formal aspects: address, conclusion, signature

III)

- Show empathy: confirmation that looking for help is a step in the right direction
- Warning against fraternities that encourage binge drinking and description of long-term health risks such as cirrhosis, obesity, loss of agility etc.
- Possible solutions: seek parents’ support, avoid social gatherings that encourage binge drinking, find new friends
- Strategies to get rid of addiction: find new ways to have fun (alone or with others) – sports, music, arts, social care etc.