

New product tests for spiked drinks

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A British businessman has developed a product that helps people test drinks they think might have been drugged, or 'spiked'. This happens if one person slips drugs into the glass of another person. The drinker then loses self-control

and is often the victim of rape, sexual assault or theft. The new product is called Test Your Drink and was invented by entrepreneur Gary Bates. It is a small kit that contains six sheets of test paper that you can dip into your drink to test for drugs that are commonly used to spike drinks, like Ketamine and GHB. Both these substances are also known as 'date rape drugs' as they put the drinker into a deep unconscious state and disrupt their memories.

Drink spiking is a growing problem across the world and is a lot more common than many people think. It is a particular concern for young women, although up to 20 per cent of victims are men. Studies in the UK, USA and Australia show that between 10 and 25 per cent of female college students have been bought a drink that was spiked or had a drink that someone spiked. Mr Bates had advice for anyone concerned about these predatory drugs. He said: "Our message is, 'Don't leave your drinks unattended'. If you are worried that something might have happened, [the Test Your Drink kit] will give you peace of mind." The product will soon be available to purchase at a price of approximately \$1.65* per pack.

* TBC (To be confirmed)

Sources: testyourdrink.com / DailyMail.com / USnews.com

Writing

All drugs that can harm or control people should not be sold in shops. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

product / drugged / self-control / sexual assault / entrepreneur / kit / substances / growing problem / common / victims / advice / predatory / concerned / peace of mind

True / False

- A businessman has created a new product to spike drinks. T / F
- The new product is called Test Your Drink. T / F
- The product contains a kit with six pieces of paper. T / F
- To test a drink, people dip one of the papers into the glass. T / F
- The article says drink spiking is not as common as we think. T / F
- As much as a fifth of drink spiking victims are men. T / F
- The product's inventor advised people to leave their drink unattended. T / F
- The product will soon be on sale for a price of \$16.50. T / F

Synonym Match

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| 1. spiked | a. play havoc with |
| 2. theft | b. immerse |
| 3. entrepreneur | c. unguarded |
| 4. dip | d. worry |
| 5. disrupt | e. robbery |
| 6. common | f. freedom from worry |
| 7. concern | g. businessman |
| 8. unattended | h. about |
| 9. peace of mind | i. prevalent |
| 10. approximately | j. drugged |

Discussion – Student A

- Would you buy this product for people you know?
- What can be done to protect people against drink spiking?
- What do you think about Gary Bates' message?
- How much peace of mind do you think the test kit provides?
- What other dangers are there of going out for a drink?
- What other things that we eat and drink could we use test paper on?
- Where could the Test Your Drink product be used?
- What questions would you like to ask about the product?

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Phrase Match

- drinks they think might have been drugged,
- sexual
- test paper that you can dip
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- put the drinker into a deep,
- a lot more common
- predatory
- Don't leave your drinks
- give you peace
- approximately
- as 'date rape drugs'
- of mind
- \$1.65 per pack
- or 'spiked'
- unattended
- into your drink
- assault
- drugs
- unconscious state
- than many people think

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you know about drink spiking?
- What should the punishment be for spiking someone's drink?
- How would you feel if someone spiked your drink?
- Should places that sell drinks provide the Test Your Drink product?
- Would you buy and use the product?
- How dangerous is drink spiking?
- Would / Do you worry about your loved ones going out for a drink?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. j	2. e	3. g	4. b	5. a
6. i	7. d	8. c	9. f	10. h

Role Play

Role A – Caffeine

You think caffeine is the worst drug. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't as bad with their drugs. Also, tell the others which is the least damaging of these (and why): alcohol, nicotine or over-the-counter drugs.

Role B – Alcohol

You think alcohol is the worst drug. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't as bad with their drugs. Also, tell the others which is the least damaging of these (and why): caffeine, nicotine or over-the-counter drugs.

Role C – Nicotine

You think nicotine is the worst drug. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't as bad with their drugs. Also, tell the others which is the least damaging of these (and why): alcohol, caffeine or over-the-counter drugs.

Role D – Over-the-counter drugs

You think over-the-counter drugs are the worst drugs. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that aren't as bad with their drugs. Also, tell the others which is the least damaging of these (and why): alcohol, nicotine or caffeine.

Speaking – Drugs

Rank these with your partner. Put the worst at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- caffeine
- nicotine
- painkillers
- over-the-counter drugs
- alcohol
- helium
- cough medicine
- glue

Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	T	d	T	e	F	f	T	g	F	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.