

Are You in the "No"?

Q: At your age, how much alcohol

A. The answer is simple: If you are under the legal drinking age, any amount of alcohol is too much. For more answers to your questions-and fun activitiesgo to asklistenlearn.com.

Who is on the Ask, Listen, Learn Team? They're people like you who want to excel and be the best they can be at what they do. The secret to being an Ask, Listen, Learn Team member is saying yes to a healthy lifestyle and no to underage drinking.

Don't believe it? Ask your parents and teachers. Listen to their advice. They can help you learn about making positive choices and why you shouldn't drink alcohol.

If you know how to **ask, listen** and **learn,** then you know how to stay safe. Alcohol can be one of the biggest risks to people your age. It is also one of the easiest risks to avoid.

Use these pages to discover ways you can become part of the Ask, Listen, Learn Team and stay on the right track.

Ask. Listen. Learn. That's A.L.L. you have to do.



To be on the Ask, Listen, Learn Team, you don't need to be a world-class athlete like Apolo Anton Ohno or Dara Torres. You could be a violinist, science-test-taker, big sister—whatever!

Besides living a healthy lifestyle, there are other ways of living that every Ask, Listen, Learn Team member shares. We've listed just a few of them below.

There's a scrambled word in each of the Ask, Listen, Learn Team member tips. If you unscramble them correctly, the first letters of the new words will spell out a secret word.

TEAM/TIPS

CHOW KNOW-HOW: What's on your plate? How about in that glass? Keep T C A R K of what you eat and drink to make sure it's the right amount for you—and visit mypyramid.gov for healthy nutrition ideas.

HOP TO IT: Or run. Or bike. Or swim. Just get up and get moving start with 30 minutes CAEH day and build from there.

STICK TO IT: Write a song. Get an A. Win the race. Set a goal and work hard to CHEIVEA it—don't give up!

DON'T GO WITH THE FLOW: When it comes to underage drinking, KEAM the right choice. Remember, sometimes what you don't "no" can hurt you.

SECRET WORD:

(Scrambled words: each, track, achieve and make. Secret word: team)

Saying yes to a healthy lifestyle means saying no to underage drinking. But people your age sometimes feel it's hard to say no to alcohol—even to a best friend. If anyone offers you a drink, be prepared with an answer to refuse it. That way, you won't feel pressured to think one up on the spot.

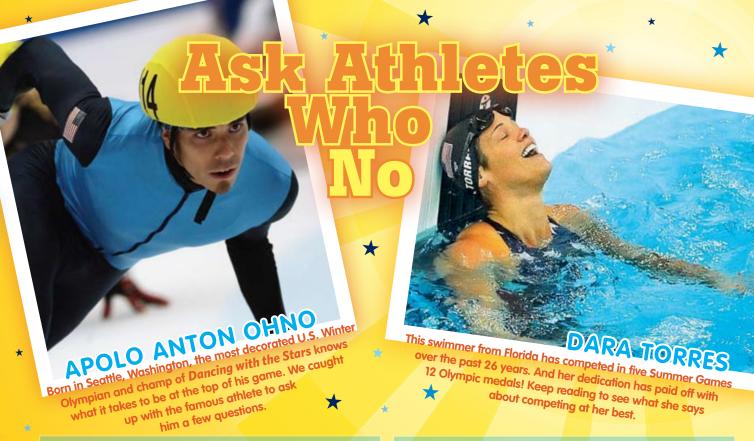
Below are seven possible ways to say no that were all written by kids like you. Try to remember a few and make up three of your own, too.

- 1 I'm not a follower. I'm a leader—and I'm saying NO!
- That's not my style.
- 3 No way, that's not for me.
- 1'm not a drinker, I'm a thinker!
- 5 No thanks. I'm allergic to alcohol.
- 6 Sorry, but alcohol is not good for my
- I'm way too cool for that stuff.

Your lines:

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- How would you define someone who is on the Ask, Listen, Learn Team? Can anyone be on the Ask, Listen, Learn Team?
- A: I believe every member of the Ask, Listen, Learn Team is a champion—not necessarily because they've won a race or a competition, but because of how hard they work to prepare. For me, preparation is the big thing. If I leave no stone unturned, I have no regrets. That's important for kids of all ages to realize. If you can finish a competition with no regrets, you can walk away with your head held high. Even if you don't win, it doesn't make your effort any less worthwhile. I truly believe anyone with that kind of positive attitude, focus, and commitment to teamwork can become a member of the Ask, Listen, Learn Team.
- O: Do you get nervous before a competition?
- A: I wouldn't say nervous. More anxious than anything. That's a natural, healthy feeling. If I'm too relaxed, then it doesn't feel like a competition.
- What drew you to short-track speed skating?
- A: It's so intense. The preparation involved is insane. And it's so dynamic and fast. It's got everything an American would want in a sport.
- Staying healthy is so important for your performance. Is it tough to be disciplined about keeping fit and watching what you put into your body?
- A: I enjoy living a healthy lifestyle. I'm full-bore into being as healthy as possible. I can have an awesome time with my friends without alcohol. Some people feel they need it to loosen up, but in reality, you just need time to be comfortable in your own skin.

- S: Have you always been really conscious of your health and conditioning?
- A: Always. One of the reasons I didn't drink when I was younger is because I knew what it did to you. I'd see some of the swimmers at morning practice after a night of drinking, the way they looked and felt, and I really wanted to swim fast. I didn't want to be in that state the other athletes were in if they'd gone out and partied.
- A: How did you get involved in swimming?
- A: My parents had a pool in the back-yard and wanted me to be water-safe, so I got in the water at an early, early age. I started swimming on a team at about age 7 or 8, and fell in love with standing up on the blocks and racing and competing.
- What's your favorite swimming event?
- A: The 50-meter freestyle. It's the most challenging event because you can't make a mistake. It's a 24-second zip down the pool, and your start and your finish all have to be on. I like how it goes by quickly, too. I'm a pure sprinter, so the shorter, the better.
- Q: Do you ever get nervous before a competition?
- A: Oh my gosh, always! You'd think after all these years, I wouldn't. But it's a good thing. Nervousness is all about adrenaline, and you want that. If you feel like you've done everything you possibly can to prepare, you can go out there and channel that nervous energy, and . . .

To read the rest of Dara's interview, visit asklistenlearn.com.





One lucky winner's picture could appear in a Century Council ad in SI KIDS magazine!

----Ask, Listen, Learn Pledge The Ask, Listen, Learn Pledge is designed to help you stay healthy and active by making an agreement with yourself to make good decisions. I pledge to say "yes" to a healthy lifestyle and "no" to underage drinking. I pledge to stay active by committing to 30 minutes a day of a healthy activity of my choice (walking, shooting hoops, DDR, etc). MY SIGNATURE: DATE: -

(I have read and understand the pledge.)		
First Name	Last Name	
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Telephone		Age
Email (for winner notification only)		
Name of Parent/Legal Guardian	4	
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE		

I will support the above-named Ask, Listen, Learn Team member in reaching his/her goals.

Entries must be received by 7/31/10. Mail the completed entry form to:

Be the Captain of the Ask, Listen, Learn Team Contest, 2345 Crystal Drive, Suite 910, Arlington, VA 22202.





HOW TO ENTER

Write an essay about why you should be the Captain of the Ask, Listen, Learn Team. The essay must be 400 characters (not counting spaces) or less. Use the pages in this guide for ideas and inspiration.

STEP TWO:

Send in your essay! There are two ways:

1. Fill in the entry form on this page with your parent or guardian and mail it with a copy of your essay to: 2345 Crystal Drive, Suite 910, Arlington VA 22202.

2. Go online to www.asklistenlearn.com with your parent or guardian. You'll find instructions for submitting your essay there.

STEP THREE:

Chill out!

After the judges read through the essays, they will select a Grand Prize Winner.

STEP FOUR:

Bask in the glow of fame!

The Grand Prize Winner will get his or her picture in an ad in a future issue of SI KIDS magazine. The picture will be next to a VIP—that's a Very Important Person who also says yes to a healthy lifestyle and no to underage drinking.

GOOD LUCK!

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