

“Leaving Las Vegas” Reflections Worksheet

Directions: Note below what you observe in the clip of “Leaving Las Vegas.” Then discuss these observations with your group.

Diagnostic features of alcohol use disorders- DSM-5 in Nicolas Cage (Ben)

Item	Comments
1. Taking the substance in larger amounts or for longer than meant to	
2. Wanting to cut down or stop using the substance but not managing to	
3. Spending a lot of time getting, using, or recovering from use of the substance	
4. Cravings and urges to use the substance	
5. Not managing to do what he should at work, home or school, because of substance use	
6. Continuing to use, even when it causes problems in relationships	

7. Giving up important social, occupational or recreational activities because of substance use	
8. Using substances again and again, even when it puts the self in danger	
9. Continuing to use, even when they know they have a physical or psychological problem that could have been caused or made worse by the substance	
10. Needing more of the substance to get the effect they want (tolerance)	
11. Development of withdrawal symptoms, which can be relieved by taking more of the substance	

Behavior of Others

Item	Comments
1. Ignoring the issue	
2. Getting violent with the issue	
3. Holding him accountable	
4. Other?	