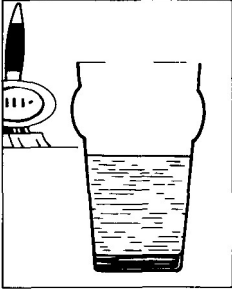
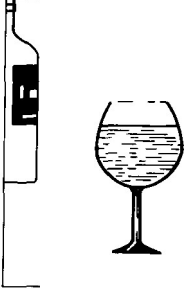
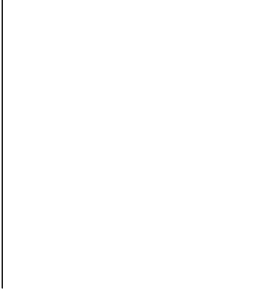
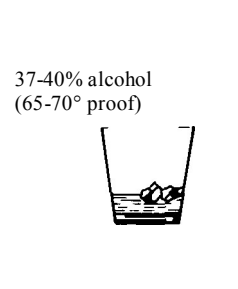


Table 2.1 Reactions to different concentrations of alcohol

| Amounts of alcohol drunk | | Blood alcohol concentrations | Reactions to different % of alcohol in the blood |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Man 11 stones (70 kg) | Woman 9 stones (55 kg) | mg % | |
| 2 units | 1 unit | 25-30 mg% | Sense of well-being enhanced Reaction times reduced |
| 4 units | 2 units | 50-60 mg% | Mild loss of inhibition, judgement impaired, increased risk of accidents at home, at work and on the road, no overt signs of drunkenness |
| 5 units | 3 units | 75-80 mg% | Physical co-ordination reduced, marked loss of inhibition, noticeably under the influence, at the legal limit for driving in the UK |
| 7 units | 4 units | 100+ mg% | Clumsiness, loss of physical control, tendency to extreme responses, definite intoxication |
| 10 units | 6 units | 150 mg% | Slurred speech, possible loss of memory the following day, probably drunk and disorderly |
| 24 units | 14 units | 360 mg% | Dead drunk, sleepiness, possible loss of consciousness |
| 33 units | 20 units | 500 mg % | Coma and possibly death |

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| 1 unit = half pint (300 ml) medium strength beer (3-4%) | = glass wine (100 ml) | = single sherry or martini (a third of a gill (50 ml)) | = single spirit one-sixth gill (25 ml) |
|  |  |  |  |
| 3-4% alcohol (8° proof) | 11% alcohol (20° proof) | 17-20% alcohol (30-5° proof) | 37-40% alcohol (65-70° proof) |

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