

# Addiction – Drama sketch

## ‘HOW MUCH...?’

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*Note: This is for ideas only – feel free to adapt/change etc!*

### Scene:

Something that looks similar to a mobile phone shop. At least one salesperson is present (any other salesperson needs to keep busy).

As the sketch starts, a salesman is finishing a call, just as a new customer enters the shop.

**Salesman**      Excellent choice, sir, so you’ll come in tomorrow to sign the contract? (pause) ... thank you, sir, see you tomorrow, goodbye (ends call) ... Ha! Got him!

(notices the customer)

Good afternoon, may I help you?

**Customer**      Ah yes, I am looking to take out a new contract.

**Salesman**      Contract?

**Customer**      Yes, I have decided I need to make a commitment.

**Salesman**      What do you have in mind?

**Customer**      Well, ideally, I’d like something with immediate results.

**Salesman**      You have come to the right place – we just happen to have a new offer this week, immediate results guaranteed. Would you like to take a seat?

They both sit down and the salesperson lifts up a box and unloads a variety of bottles and cans (alcohol) onto a desk/table.

**Salesman**      Now, I’d like to recommend alcohol to you – only a small amount will help you in many ways, relaxation, confidence, relieve stress – you can think of it as a cure for all kinds of ills. Plus - added bonus - its great fun!

**Customer**      Sounds good, but expensive – what’s the cost?

**Salesman**      Well, it all depends really. We might be able to do you a ‘no cost’ deal. But sometimes, with contracts of this kind, costs can come later. Some people may experience drunkenness and resulting harmful behaviours. Some experience violence, others might develop health problems and a few may become dependent.

**Customer**      Dependent?

**Salesman**      You would say ‘addicted’

**Customer**      Addicted? I’m not sure I like the sound of that.

**Salesman** (Reassuringly) It hardly ever happens, I wouldn't worry about it if I were you.

**Customer** Can I bring it back if I have any concerns?

**Salesman** (Hesitates) Well, not exactly, as you will have already used it. I'd suggest stopping before you get to a place where you might experience negative effects

**Customer** Oh, right, so, when's that then?

**Salesman** Well, it's hard to say, really, it varies from person to person – but I'm sure you would be absolutely fine. Look, why don't I get you a contract to sign? I'm sure you would be very happy with the product.

**Customer** (Leaving the shop quickly) Erm, thanks, I'll have a think about it first, see if I can find something elsewhere.