

ADDICTION

It is Rodrigo's turn to speak. He is nervous. He doesn't want to be here but he has no choice. He has lost his job, his home, his family and most of his friends. He takes a deep breath, gets up and walks to the podium at the front of the room. He adjusts the microphone and looks at the group of people in front of him. They begin to clap and shout words of encouragement. Rodrigo takes deep breaths to relax and grips the sides of the podium to stop his hands from shaking. When the clapping stops he summons up his courage and speaks.

“Good evening everyone. Thank you for your support. My name is Rodrigo, and I am addicted to heroin.”

Q1: Why do you think Rodrigo is nervous?

Q2: What does he do to calm himself down?

Q3: Why does Rodrigo grip the podium?

Q4: What does the crowd do to make him feel more at ease?

Q5: What is Rodrigo addicted to?