

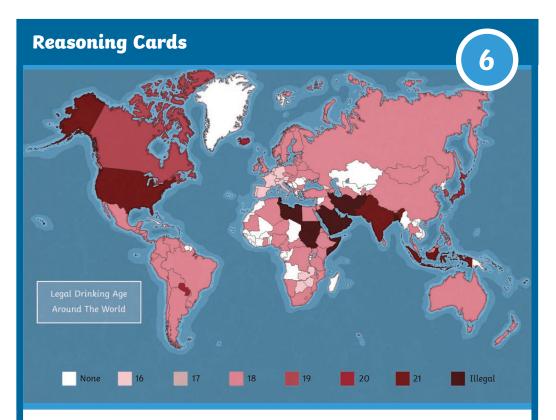
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## Reasoning Card 6

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## Example answer:

The legal drinking age should be set by law, and it should be at a suitable age, like 18 years old or above because alcohol can cause short and long-term health problems.

Different countries have laws about alcohol that are even stricter than the UK. Looking at the map, the most common legal drinking age around the world is 18 years old. The countries in the darkest colour represent countries where drinking alcohol is illegal.

Countries put laws in place because drinking a lot over a long time can be very harmful to a person's body. It can affect the liver, but it can also affect the circulatory system by causing plaque to build up in the arteries. This can increase the risk of coronary heart disease and high blood pressure.

