

Drug Information

Teacher notes to support flash cards

Extension activity:

'What is a drug and how drugs work?'

Caffeine	a stimulant found in tea, coffee and cocoa. A diuretic (causes water loss through the kidneys)
Nicotine	toxin found in tobacco. Stimulant.
Alcohol	a depressant. Produced by fermentation. A vasodilator (causes blood to flow close to skin surface)
Cola	Soft drink originally containing cocaine (derived from the coca plant). Nickname for cocaine.
Morphine	powerful narcotic analgesic.
Barbiturate	sleeping tablets. Sedative. Risk of physical and psychological dependence.
Diazepam	an anti-anxiety drug. A sedative.
Ecstasy	hallucinogen
Heroin	a powerful narcotic analgesic
Ascorbic acid	vitamin C. Prevents scurvy.
Amphetamine	stimulant.
Warfarin	an anti-coagulant (helps prevent blood clotting). Rat poison.
Butane	volatile gas used in cigarette lighter fluid. Hallucinogen
Cannabis	hallucinogen



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Paracetamol	a non-narcotic analgesic and antipyretic
Codeine	a mild narcotic analgesic
Steroid	(corticosteroids) hormonal preparations used as anti-inflammatories or immunosuppressives (prevents or reduces body's immune response)
Cocaine	stimulant
Penicillin	an antibiotic
Anaesthetics	drugs that relieve pain
Antibiotics	drugs that fight bacteria infections
Antihistamines	drugs used to combat allergic reactions
Antipyretics or anti-inflammatories	drugs used to reduce inflammation, swelling and heat at the site of infection
Narcotics	a group of drugs that induce numbness and stupor; prolonged use may cause addiction

