

Questions Students asked about Drugs and Alcohol
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1. Why would you do Weed?
2. Can candy make you high?
3. Why do all drugs affect you?
4. Can you overdose on too much cough syrup?
5. Why do people drink and drive? Can they die?
6. Is chewing tobacco better than smoking tobacco?
7. What is in alcohol that makes people addicted?
8. How does getting high off of sharpies hurt?
9. What happens if you keep smoking cigarettes and drinking for days?
10. Why do people say drugs are bad? Is that true? Is it that drugs really make people that way or is it that people are being dumb?
11. What can drugs do to your liver?
12. Why do people make alcohol and beer?
13. How can alcohol help you?
14. Why do people drink alcohol?
15. Why is getting high or drunk bad?
16. Do more people die from drinking or smoking?
17. How do people die from drugs?
18. Why does beer make you sick?
19. Why does alcohol affect you more as a kid?
20. What is in drugs and alcohol?
21. Why do they make drugs?
22. Is there alcohol in energy drinks?
23. Why do drugs make you skinny?
24. When police give you a breathalyzer test what is the average number for drinking and what is over average?
25. Why do they keep drugs in stores if they are illegal?
26. Can adults die from drinking too much alcohol?
27. Why do so many people do drugs and alcohol?
28. What is alcohol made from?
29. What is crack?
30. Why do people use drugs?
31. Why is there a certain age to drink?
32. Why do people drink alcohol?
33. Why does alcohol have a great affect?
34. Where does alcohol come from?
35. Why do people drink alcohol?
36. Have you ever drunk alcohol before?
37. Who made drugs and alcohol?
38. Why did this website activity start?
39. How bad can drugs mess you up?
40. Why did people make drugs?
41. Why do people Drink alcohol?
42. Can alcohol kill you?
43. How do you know when you or a person is on drugs?
44. Why do people do drugs and alcohol?

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Facts Students Learned About Drugs and Alcohol

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1. Sniffing sharpie markers can kill you.
2. All types of drugs affect you and your brain.
3. If you overdose on drugs then you can die.
4. A lot of people die each day from drinking alcohol.
5. People take drugs for a lot of reasons. Some people take drugs because they are depressed or anxious, and they think the drugs will take away those bad feelings. Other people take drugs as an excuse to do things that they wouldn't otherwise do. And some just want to experience different or new feelings. Of course, the only real reason to take drugs is if you have a disease and a doctor has prescribed the drug to help you get better.
6. Tobacco is really bad for you.
7. People can get high off of sharpies.
8. Injecting drugs into yourself is not good because you can get AIDS, HIV, but besides that it's just bad because it's a drug.
9. Drugs are bad for you.
10. There is alcohol in energy drinks.
11. Some types of drugs are medications.
12. Alcohol can damage your brain.
13. Steroids can deepen a women's voice.
14. Drug abuse and alcoholism have strong hereditary components (meaning it 'runs in families'). Scientists estimate that genetic factors account for about 50 percent of a person's risk of becoming addicted. Scientists have even identified variations in particular certain genes that are linked to an individual having a higher risk of developing drug addiction. But that doesn't mean that you are doomed to a life of drug dens! Even if an individual has these 'risk genes', addiction can be entirely avoided if drugs are not used. Plus, the other 50 percent of the risk is due to the environment--like if you hang around friends who use drugs, or your home environment is difficult. So, an individual can also decrease their risk by taking care of themselves, going to school, hanging out with friends who don't drink or use drugs, and being active (like playing sports).
15. According to a recent report, an estimated 71 million Americans aged 12 or older reported use of tobacco products, including cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco and pipes.
16. Many people my age died from drinking alcohol.
17. Drugs affect people's brains.
18. Drugs affect the way your brain works
19. There is such a thing as third hand smoke. An example is the smoke a person smells when they get into an elevator after a smoker has been in it.
20. Breathing in someone else's smoke in harmful for you.
21. Smoking cigars change the amount of brain chemicals that allows us to experience pleasure.
22. Drugs mess with your brain causing you to not think correctly.
23. You can not tell if a person has HIV just by looking at them.
24. Weed can kill you?
25. Marijuana causes memory loss.
26. Caffeine is a drug and people drink it everyday.
27. In general, though, addiction occurs because drugs of abuse enter the brain and can cause long-term changes in its reward systems. Whether this happens to someone depends on what drug, how young someone is when they take it, and how often they use these drugs--but this is also somewhat dependent on the person's genetic makeup or susceptibility. In other words, some people are more likely to be vulnerable to the effects of drugs than others. Also, if the people you spend your time with use drugs, you are more likely to do so too because the opportunity is often there. Some people try drugs once, like smoking tobacco, and learn that they don't like it and so they don't do it again. There is a lot we still don't know about who becomes addicted and why, and after how much drug exposure. We do know that each person is different, so it's a little like playing 'Russian Roulette' if you choose to use drugs. But, if you do, the earlier you stop, the more likely you will be to avoid addiction and the harmful brain changes that lead to it.
28. You can not get high snorting pixie sticks.
29. Marijuana affects the part of your brain that helps you plan and problem solve.
30. So many drugs and alcohol have been used by little kids in the past and now kids are talking about how it is not cool to use drugs.
31. Drugs can make you lose your memory.
32. A cigarette is a drug because it contains nicotine.
33. Alcohol can slow your brain down.