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What is a Drug?

• **Drug** --- A chemical substance that, when taken into the body, alters the structure or functioning of the body in some way.
Four Categories of Drug-Taking Behaviors, Derived From The Combination of Goal and Legal Status

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<td>Instrumental Use</td>
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<td>Taking Valium with a prescription to relieve anxiety</td>
<td>Taking amphetamines without a prescription to stay awake the night before a test</td>
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<td>Taking No Doz to stay awake on a long trip</td>
<td>Taking morphine without a prescription to relieve pain</td>
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<td>Recreational Use</td>
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<td>Having an alcoholic drink to relax before dinner</td>
<td>Smoking marijuana to get high</td>
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<td>Smoking a cigarette or a cigar for enjoyment</td>
<td>Taking LSD for the hallucinogenic effects</td>
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Illicit Drug Use Prevalence Rates

After Marijuana, Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medications\(^1\) Account for Most of the Commonly Abused Drugs Among High School Seniors\(^2\)

Source: https://www.drugabuse.gov
U.S. Deaths per Year From Tobacco, Alcohol, and Illicit Drug Use

More than four times as many Americans die from tobacco-related illnesses such as cardiovascular and respiratory diseases and cancer as die from alcohol-related and illicit drug-related problems combined.
Synaptic Transmission
# Drugs and the CNS

## Table 3.1

Drug Effects and Synaptic Communication in the Nervous System

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<td>Dopamine blocked from entering receptor sites in the brain</td>
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<td>Visual hallucinations and disordered thinking</td>
<td>Stimulation of receptor sites sensitive to serotonin</td>
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The Major Stimulants: Cocaine
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In the late 1800s in the United States, cocaine was an ingredient in over-the-counter medications.
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Side Effects

- Powerful burst of energy
- General sense of well-being
- Heart rate and respiration are increased
- Appetite is diminished
- Blood vessels constrict and blood pressure is increased
- Pupils are dilated
- Continuously stuffy or runny nose
- Hallucinations (cocaine psychosis)
The Major Stimulants: Cocaine
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- Euphoria
- Insomnia
- Increased heart rate
- Increased blood pressure
- Dilated pupils
- Parkinson's-like symptoms
- Tremors
- Convulsion
- Paranoia
- Hallucinations
- Strokes
- Cardiovascular collapse, death
The Major Stimulants: Amphetamines
The Opioids: Heroin
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**Side Effects**
- Intense euphoria
- Subsequent tranquil drowsiness
- Elevated body temperature

**Withdrawal**
- Increased blood pressure
- Tearing, runny nose
- Diarrhea
- Spontaneous ejaculations
- Restlessness
- Involuntary kicking movements
- Pain and irritability
- Depression and anxiety
The Opioids: Heroin
Prescription Heroin and Opioid Epidemic Awareness Week
The Opioids: In the News and On the Rise

National Overdose Deaths
Number of Deaths from Prescription Opioid Pain Relievers

Source: National Center for Health Statistics, CDC Wonder
Misuse of Prescription Drugs
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Performance-Enhancing Drugs
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- Androgenic - acting to promote masculinizing changes in the body

- Anabolic - acting to promote growth and muscular development

- Anabolic-androgenic steroids (*anabolic steroids*) - a group of drugs patterned after the testosterone molecule, producing anabolic and androgenic effects
Performance-Enhancing Drugs

- Shrunken testicles
- Diminished sperm count
- Enlarged breasts
- Frequent, sustained, painful penile erections
- Acne on shoulders and back
- Increased facial hair, accelerated balding
Performance-Enhancing Drugs

- Lower voice
- Increased facial hair
- Enlarged clitoris
- Increased aggressiveness
- Increased appetite and decreased body fat
- Diminished menstruation
- Decreased breast size
- Increased body hair
- Increased loss of scalp hair