

Student Opioid Evaluation

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		Prescriptions medications are safe because you can get them at the pharmacy.
		Opioid addiction is a chronic brain disease.
		Opioid medication is most effective when taken for a short time.
		1 in 5 high schools will abuse prescription drugs at least once.
		Since 1999, opioid related overdoses have doubled.
		Drug overdoses kill more people in the US than car accidents.
		First thing you should do to help someone who has overdosed is wake them up.
		Only those with a history of drug abuse can get addicted to prescription drugs.
		Most people with addition will turn to heroin looking for a stronger effect.
		Those who use marijuana are 3 times more likely to be addicted to heroin than those who do not. Those who use prescription drugs are 40 times more likely to be addicted to heroin.

Answer Key

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	F	<p>Prescriptions medications are safe because you can get them at the pharmacy.</p> <p>Prescription drugs should only be taken for legitimate medical reasons, by the person they were prescribed for, and at the proper dosage instructed by the doctor. When abused, prescription drugs can be as dangerous as taking illegal drugs like heroin or cocaine</p> <p>Source: http://www.smartmovessmartchoices.org/pdfs/SmartMoves_SchoolToolKit_Web.pdf</p>
T		<p>Opioid addiction is a chronic brain disease</p> <p>Opioid addiction is considered a chronic brain disease, because it is precipitated by fundamental, long-term, changes to the biological structures and functioning of this organ. Furthermore, while the initial choice to use opioids may have been voluntary, once opioid addiction develops, use is compulsive—not voluntary. Although drug taking behavior can be controlled temporarily, the cravings cannot be shut off or controlled. It is the persistence of the abnormal cravings that indicates that addiction is a chronic condition.</p> <p>Source: http://www.helpmegetoffdrugs.com/addiction</p>
T		<p>Opioid medication is most effective when taken for a short time.</p> <p>Many studies have shown that for certain kinds of pain, short term use as directed by the physician is the best way to target your pain. Any use beyond that is considered use for illegitimate reasons.</p> <p>Source: https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/65/rr/rr6501e1.htm</p>
T		<p>1 in 4 teens has and will abuse prescription drugs at least once.</p> <p>Source: http://www.smartmovessmartchoices.org/</p>
	F	<p>Since 1999, opioid related overdoses have doubled</p> <p>Opioid pain reliever prescribing has quadrupled since 1999 and has increased in parallel with overdoses involving the most commonly used opioid pain relievers. To reverse the epidemic of opioid drug overdose deaths and prevent opioid-related morbidity, efforts to improve safer prescribing of prescription opioids must be intensified.</p>

		Source: https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6450a3.htm
T		<p>Drug overdoses kill more people in the US than car accidents.</p> <p>DEA announced that the 2015 National Drug Threat Assessment (NDTA) found drug overdose deaths are the leading cause of injury death in the United States. That is more than deaths from motor vehicle accidents and firearms. In 2013, more than 46,000 people in the United States died from a drug overdose and more than half of those were caused by prescription painkillers and heroin.</p> <p>Source: https://www.dea.gov/divisions/hq/2016/hq020416.shtml</p>
	F	<p>First thing you should do to help someone who has overdosed is wake them up.</p> <p>First thing you should always do is call 911. If someone is unconscious, you should try to wake the victim by yelling his/her name or rubbing your knuckle on his/her sternum.</p> <p>Source: toolkit</p>
	F	<p>Only those with a history of drug abuse can get addicted to prescription drugs.</p> <p>Drugs do not discriminate! The majority of people who fatally overdose on heroin began their drug use with prescription pills. Nearly half of young people who inject heroin surveyed in three recent studies reported abusing prescription opioids before starting to use heroin.</p> <p>Source: https://www.drugabuse.gov/publications/research-reports/heroin/how-heroin-linked-to-prescription-drug-abuse</p>
	F	<p>Most people with addiction will turn to heroin looking for a stronger effect.</p> <p>Although there is some truth to this as heroin is a stronger opioid, the reasons are individual. Many people also transition from using expensive prescription painkillers to much cheaper heroin because a pill can cost \$30 while a bag of heroin can cost \$5.</p> <p>Source: http://www.southcoasttoday.com/news/20160408/opioid-crisis-knows-no-boundaries-doesnt-discriminate-can-affect-anyone</p>
T		<p>Those who use marijuana are 3 times more likely to be addicted to heroin than those who do not. Those who use prescription drugs are 40 times more likely to be addicted to heroin.</p> <p>Source: https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/heroin/infographic.html</p>