

Vocabulary

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Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.

- addict** a person who has or has had a drug habit
- addiction** dependency on something such as a drug or behavior
- addictive** habit-forming
- alcohol** the drug found in beer, wine, and liquor; affects the nervous system
- allergic** having an unhealthy or life-threatening response to something
- amotivational syndrome** loss of ambition or long-term goals; disorder often associated with marijuana use
- blood alcohol level (BAL)** a measurement of how much alcohol is in a person's bloodstream
- cannabinoids** a group of drugs that produces euphoria and an altered sense of time; includes marijuana and hashish
- chemical dependence** a physical or emotional need for alcohol or other drugs
- depressants** a group of drugs that slows down the nervous system; includes alcohol, barbiturates, and tranquilizers

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designer drugs	synthetic drugs that are similar in chemistry to certain illegal drugs
dosage	how much of a drug is taken and how often it is taken
drug abuse	the taking of any drug for other than its medical purpose
drugs	chemical substances that affect the body, the mind, or both
euphoria	a feeling of great happiness or pleasure
fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS)	a set of birth defects found in babies who are born to mothers who abuse alcohol during pregnancy
hallucination	an experience of seeing, hearing, or feeling things that aren't real
hallucinogens	drugs that cause a person to see, hear, or feel things that aren't real
inhalants	substances that produce fumes, which are inhaled for their effects
inhibition	a blocking or holding back of a behavior or action
intoxicated	drunk
look-alike drugs	drugs that are made to look like certain illegal drugs

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- misuse** to use wrongly or incorrectly
- narcotics** habit-forming drugs that relieve pain and are derived from the opium poppy plant
- nervous system** the system in the body that sends and receives messages to control the body's activities; includes the brain, spinal cord, and nerves
- nicotine** the habit-forming drug in tobacco
- overdose** to take so much of a drug that it can cause unhealthy or life-threatening effects
- over-the-counter drugs** drugs that can be legally bought without a doctor's note in a grocery store, drugstore, or discount store; nonprescription drugs
- physical dependence** a person's bodily need for a drug; also called *physical addiction*
- prescription drugs** drugs that can only be bought with a doctor's note at a pharmacy
- psychoactive drugs** drugs that affect the brain, or mind; include alcohol, cannabinoids, hallucinogens, stimulants, depressants, and narcotics
- psychological dependence** a person's emotional need for a drug; also called *psychological addiction*

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side effects the undesired ways a drug acts on the body

stimulants drugs that speed up the nervous system

tar cancer-causing substance in tobacco

tobacco leaves used in cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, and snuff

tolerance the body's increasing resistance to the effect of a drug, creating a need for taking more and more of the drug over time to get the same results

user someone who uses something, such as drugs

withdrawal the symptoms experienced by a drug user when he or she stops using a drug