

What Are Drugs?

Chapter 5 Lesson 1
Part 2

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Review

1. What is a **drug**?
 - A. changes the body's functions and affects the body, mind, or behavior
2. What is a medicine?
 - A. a legal drug that can help protect people from sickness, or treat or cure a sickness
3. What two things should you never do with your medicine?
 - A. never take more than is prescribed
 - B. never take (or give) medicine that belongs to someone else

Review

4. What is an illegal drug?
 - A. a drug that it is illegal to sell, buy, or use
5. What can illegal drugs do to your body?
 - A. can damage organs so badly they do not function properly
 - B. the heart may stop beating
 - C. the person may stop breathing

Classifying Drugs

- ♦ Laws control where people can buy different medicines.
- ♦ These laws divide medicine into two general classifications.

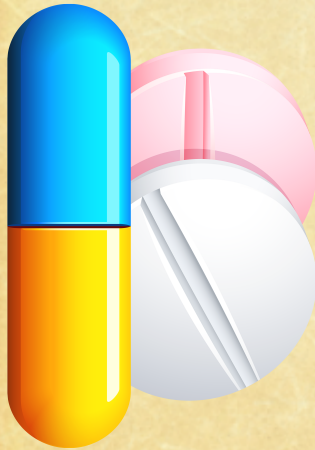


Classifying Drugs

- ♦ A **prescription medicine** is a drug that must be prescribed, or ordered, by a doctor or other health-care professional.
- ♦ This person knows how to choose the proper drug.
- ♦ The patient's age, size, and medical history help determine the right medicine and the right dose.



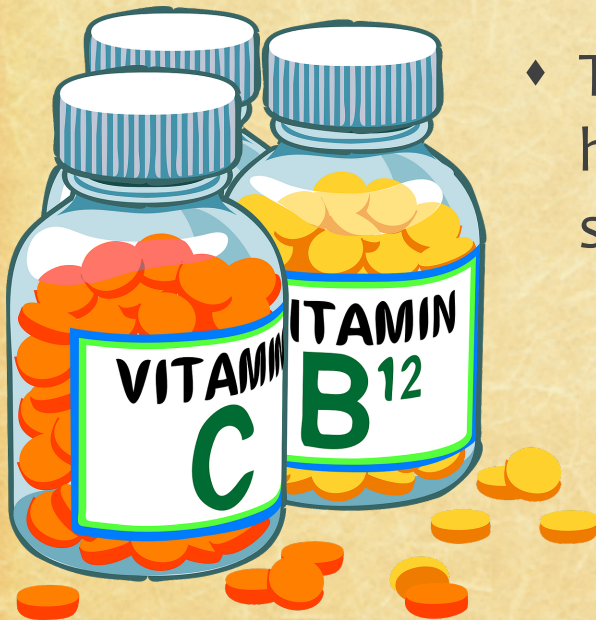
Classifying Drugs



- ♦ Prescription medicines can help in many ways.
- ♦ Stimulants are sometimes used to help people with attention deficits / hyperactive disorder (ADHD).
- ♦ Depressants help people who have seizures caused by epilepsy.
- ♦ Analgesics help people who suffer from pain.

Classifying Drugs

- ♦ A drug that does not need a prescription is called an over-the-counter medicine (OTC drug).
- ♦ Aspirin, antacids,, and certain allergy pills are some examples of OTC drugs.



- ♦ These drugs might be given for headaches, fevers, upset stomachs, or allergies.

Classifying Drugs



- ♦ Some OTC drugs are less powerful than prescription medicines.
- ♦ Many are the same strength as the prescription form of these drugs.
- ♦ OTC drugs are considered helpful if people follow the package directions.
- ♦ They can still be harmful if misused.

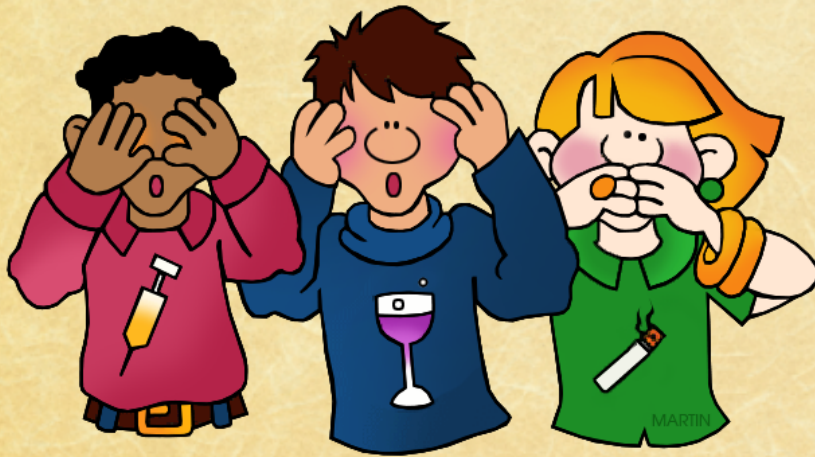
Drug Safety and Abuse

- ♦ Many people live responsibly lives, and they do not want to do anything that would harm their own bodies.
- ♦ However, some people are not responsible.
- ♦ They abuse medications or use illegal drugs
- ♦ They often try to get others to act in similar irresponsible ways.



Drug Safety and Abuse

- ♦ Some teenagers abuse prescription drugs because they think it is safer than using illegal drugs.
- ♦ They might not realize it, but abusing drugs and prescription medications can be deadly.



- ♦ Follow these guidelines for medicine safety:

Drug Safety and Abuse

Guidelines for Medicine Safety

- ♦ Recognize that God wants you to take care of your body
- ♦ Never decide on your own which medicine to take
- ♦ Always follow the directions for taking a medicine exactly
- ♦ Never take medicine for any reason other than treating the illness that it was designed for
- ♦ Never take medicine that was prescribed for someone else
- ♦ Be familiar with a medication's side effects before taking the medicine.

Drug Safety and Abuse



- ♦ If people abuse their bodies by using medicines improperly, or taking illegal drugs such as cocaine or marijuana, they can forget what is important in life.
- ♦ People who misuse drugs or use illegal drugs are not following God's plan.

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6. What are the two main classifications of drugs?
 - A. prescription medication and OTC
7. What is a prescription medication?
 - A. a drug that must be prescribed, or ordered, by a doctor or other health-care professional
8. What is an over-the-counter medication?
 - A. a drug that does not need a prescription