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(The Dope Jersey Xperience)



Lesson 1 (The Square)  
“Your Foundation”

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## (The Square)

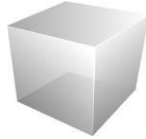


In this lesson, you will learn what a drug is and get some basic knowledge on the origins of natural and synthetic drugs. In addition, you will be taught the difference between natural and synthetic drugs. You will also learn about the four basic classes of recreational drug abuse. Today, many young people are influenced by drug culture without having the proper knowledge of drugs and the dangers that come with them. It is crucial to build a strong foundation in your mind so you will have something to stand on when the beast approaches you. Below are four points that will form the basis of your defense against drug addiction. We will call those four points “your square.”

- What is a drug?
- The four basic classes of Recreational Drug Abuse
- The Origin of Drugs
- Natural Drugs vs Synthetic Drugs

### **Lesson 1 (Introduction)**

#### **Why was **The Square** created?**



Hello, my name is Amir, and I'm here to teach you about drug addiction and the five dangers that come with it! In this lesson, you will learn how to make your square. You will also learn what a square is and why it was created. In addition, you will learn what a drug is, the four basic classes of recreational drug abuse, the origin of drugs, and natural drugs vs. synthetic drugs. It's important that you build your square. Your square is your defense against the beast. Drug addiction, the beast, is always looking for souls to devour. But have no fear Amir is here to help you face and defeat the beast. So, let's not waste any time. Let's get started!

**The square** was created because of the number of drug deaths in America. The picture that you see is at the DEA Museum in Washington, D.C. This memorial displays the faces of lives lost due to fentanyl overdose. Hundreds of these photos line the walls, with the victims spanning many ages. If you didn't know, there have been a million drug deaths in America since 1999. We have all been affected by this beast in one way or another. We all have a family member or know somebody who has lost someone to drug addiction. Most people never imagine themselves or a loved one dying from a drug death because drug addiction awareness is not something that is promoted the same way other causes are. It's actually something that most people would rather

sweep under the rug than talk about. In some households, it's considered taboo. The square is ultimately a tool that was created to stand on when the beast tries to influence you to do drugs and fall victim to drug addiction or Russian roulette. Before we get into what the square is, I would like to invite you to watch this video.

Go to [www.dopejersey.com](http://www.dopejersey.com) to watch the video. Go to the tab The DJX (Dope Jersey Xperience)

The video you just watched was from a drug death. The person who died in this video represents one out of the million people who have died from fentanyl in the United States since 1999. The person in this video represents one of our family members or friends. Don't be a victim of the beast. Apply the knowledge that you learn in this lesson to your everyday life and become wise when it comes to drug addiction and the five dangers that come with it.

### What is a **Square**?



Your square is your defense against drug addiction. It's your foundation that you will stand on when you're facing the beast. Your square is made up of four points. What is a drug, the origin of drugs, the four recreational drugs of abuse, and natural vs. synthetic drugs? These four points will help you get a new perspective when it comes to drugs and drug addiction. Now ask yourself this question: Is it logical to take a drug when you don't know what a drug is? Does it make sense to take a drug if you have no idea where it came from? By knowing the source of a drug, you can determine if it is natural or synthetic. Moreover, you can obtain comprehensive knowledge about the drug and decide if you want to use it or not. So, let's get started.

On page 6, there is a diagram with the four points needed to form your square. It's vital that you have these four points embedded in your subconscious mind because this square is your shield and protection against drug addiction.

Diagram 1

“Your Square”



**Questions to ask yourself when the beast offers or tempts you with drugs.**

- Is it logical to take a drug when you don't know what a drug is?
- Does it make sense to take a drug if you have no idea where it came from?
- Is this drug a natural or synthetic drug?
- Lastly, what will this drug do to my body and my way of thinking?
- Could I possibly die from this drug?
- Have other people died from this drug?

**Forming your square**

What is a square? and why it was made. Being able to define and understand what a drug is will form the first side of your square. The second side will be built by knowing and understanding the origins of drugs. The third side of your square is having thorough knowledge of the

difference between a natural drug and a synthetic drug and being able to define both. And the fourth side of your square is formed by knowing the four recreational drugs of abuse. So, let's not waste any time; let's get started.

### **Side 1 What is a drug?**

The first side of your square is formed by having the knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of what a drug is. So, what is a drug? A drug is a medication or other chemical that, when consumed or eaten in any other way, has a physiological effect on the body. A substance that alters how a person's body functions is referred to as a drug in layman's terms. You should ingrain this definition deeply into your unconscious mind. This information will help you recognize when a drug is trying to enter your square. On page 8 there's four behavior's that most people are unaware of but have the potential to be just as addictive as drugs.

### **4 Behaviors that are similar to drug addiction**



#### **The Television**

Tv - According to study published in 2013, there are many similarities between the DSM-5 criteria for substance use disorder and excessive TV watching.

(The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fifth Edition,)

Watching TV has also been shown to increase the neurotransmitter dopamine's production in the brain.



## The Video Game

The Video Game - Numerous studies have demonstrated that addiction to video games causes brain alterations that are comparable to those seen in substance addiction and gambling. Research has also demonstrated a link between depression and video game addiction, in addition to other psychological and social issues. Video game addiction (VGA), also referred to as gaming disorder or internet gaming disorder, is a psychological addiction characterized by compulsive, problematic video game playing that significantly impairs a person's capacity to function in a variety of life domains over an extended period of time.



## Gossiping

Gossiping - "Gossip can be a means for the injured self to connect with others and escape responsibility for their feelings, just like any other addiction.



## Gluttony

Gluttony - Gluttony is arguably the closest of the major vices that fits with drugs. Formally speaking, gluttony is the sin of overindulging in food; yet, gluttony and drug abuse are comparable when it comes to overindulging in food for pleasure.

### **Fun Fact! Did you know?**

Most people don't consider food to be a drug, although some foods have similar properties. While some people may not want to recognize food as a drug, it is impossible to ignore the fact that food can be just as addictive as drugs.

**First level of awareness** - Ask yourself this question if someone offers you drugs. What is this drug?

### **Side 2 The Origin of Drugs?**

The second side of your square is formed by having the knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of the origins of natural and synthetic



drugs. This is very easy to understand; it's simple: natural drugs come from nature, and synthetic drugs are man-made chemicals in the laboratory. Natural medicinal substances are made from substances that are present in nature and comprise extracts of active ingredients derived from a variety of sources, such as microorganisms, minerals, plants, and animals. Although there are several phases involved in the production of synthetic pharmaceuticals, a precursor is an essential component. By knowing and understanding how these two types of drugs were created, you will be able to easily identify a drug when it presents itself to you.

### **Fun Fact! Did you know?**

Precursors to drugs: What are they? Chemicals are needed in the manufacture of illegal substances including heroin, cocaine, and amphetamines. Drug precursors are the name given to these substances.

**Second level of awareness** - Ask yourself these questions if someone offers you drugs. What is this drug? Where did this drug come from?

**Side 3 Natural vs Synthetic Drugs?** The third side of your square is formed by having knowledge, wisdom, and understanding when it comes to the difference between natural and synthetic drugs. Let me go into further detail on natural and synthetic

drugs. The truth about drugs is that there are only two types of drugs: natural and synthetic. And both can be extremely deadly. Most people have this notion that just because a drug is natural, that means it's safe to take. That's a big misconception that has to be replaced with understanding. Natural drugs can be very toxic, and proper research should be done before taking any type of drug. There've been many cases where natural herbs have caused people to have negative effects, including rashes, headaches, disorientation, agitation, dry mouth, seizures, exhaustion, tachycardia, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea, as well as allergic reactions and asthma. So, it's impossible to ignore these factors when it comes to your safety. However, there are a few advantages that I want to point out that natural drugs have. Natural drugs are cheaper than synthetic drugs, so you can actually save money. Secondly, herbs can help with self-healing. Prescription drugs usually just mask the issue or put a bandage over it. And by masking the issue, the real problem is never solved. Thirdly, natural herbs have fewer side effects than synthetic drugs. That's one of the main reasons why a lot of people are starting to use more natural remedies for their illnesses than synthetic medicines.

So, now you should have a better understanding of natural drugs, so let's get to the truth about synthetic drugs. Synthetic drugs are drugs created using man-made chemicals rather than natural compounds. That is one of the big differences between natural and synthetic medications. Even though synthetic medicines can have fatal negative

effects, young people in the US are using them more and more frequently. Due to their accessibility and availability—they may be bought at head shops, gas stations, and online—many people are probably uninformed of the health concerns connected to using these narcotics. People who use synthetic drugs run the risk of overdosing or dying because many of the substances they contain are toxic to the body and mind. These substances may potentially lead to addiction in certain people. So, if you compare the two, Synthetic drugs are way more addictive and dangerous than natural drugs. The molecular structures of synthetic medicines and the illegal substances they are meant to mimic are not the same. In an effort to elude detection, producers of synthetic pharmaceuticals alter their chemical composition on a regular basis. That's another reason why synthetic drugs are so harmful. Synthetic fentanyl is the main reason for all the drug deaths.

**Third level of awareness** - Ask yourself these questions if someone offers you drugs. What is this drug? Where did this drug come from? Is this drug a natural or synthetic drug?

#### **Side 4 The Four Recreational Drugs of Abuse?**

The fourth side of your square is having the knowledge, wisdom, and understanding when it comes to the four basic classes of recreational drug abuse. So, what is recreational drug use? Using one or more

psychoactive drugs to generate an altered state of consciousness for pleasure or any other non-essential activity is known as recreational drug use. People take drugs for a variety of reasons, such as feeling better, getting over a bad mood, improving performance at work or school, or simply wanting to fit in because they see others using them. The thing that most teenagers are not aware of is that it only takes one time to end your life from doing drugs. Over a quarter of a million Americans have died from a fentanyl overdose since 2018. Do you know anybody who has died from a fentanyl pill? Below is a list of the four recreational drugs of abuse.

**\*Hallucinogens** are substances that alter how a person's mind works and can cause a person to hallucinate. They also affect how a person's body works and can be used for other reasons besides altering one's mind.

They can be used for many reasons, such as: to help with depression and insomnia or relaxation. Hallucinogens use the neurotransmitter serotonin (specifically, 5-hydroxy tryptamine) to alter how a person's brain works. Examples include LSD, Psilocybin, Peyote, DMT, PCP, & Ketamine. **\*Sedatives** are drugs that try to lower the activity of specific brain parts by changing what is being fed into them. One of the main parts of the brain that this drug affects is the hippocampus, a region responsible for learning and memory. Sedatives are used for many reasons, such as: to help with insomnia, anxiety, and depression. Examples of sedatives include benzodiazepines, barbiturates, and various hypnotics.

Benzodiazepines such as Ativan, Librium, Valium, and Xanax are anti-anxiety medications. **\*Stimulants** are drugs that cause increased activity in certain part of a person's brain. They can either be used to improve wakefulness or decrease it. Some examples of stimulants include caffeine, cocaine, amphetamine, nicotine, etc. **\*Opiates/Morphine** and Other Drugs stimulate a person's brain to release certain neurotransmitters. These are usually used for medical purposes and to help relax a person before surgery. Some examples include oxycodone (OxyContin), hydrocodone (Vicodin), morphine, and methadone. Fentanyl is an example of a synthetic opioid pain reliever.

**Fourth level of awareness** - Ask yourself these questions if someone offers you drugs. What is this drug? Where did this drug come from? Is this drug a natural or synthetic drug? Do I want to step off my square and become in union with the beast? Do I want to take the risk of getting a fentanyl pill and dying?

Now that your square is built, it's your job and duty to make sure you don't step off of your square or suffer the consequences that comes with the beast. The next section of the lesson will show you how to deal with the beast if you ever come in contact with it.

*In this section, we will dive into the fascinating world of short stories and questions. Through these stories, we will not only enhance our consciousness and awareness but also unlock new perspectives on how to deal with drug addiction by standing on your square. So, let's embark on this enlightening journey together and discover the power of storytelling!*

**Short Story #1:**  
**The Adventures of A.P Hall and Nokey Lo**

Chapter 1: The Mysterious Mentor

Once upon a time, in a heartless town filled with haters and nonbelievers, there was a troubled young boy named Nokey Lo. Nokey use to be the man, all the girls liked him because he had money and drove expensive cars. Lo had fallen into the clutches of the terrible beast known as drug addiction. His life had become a never-ending cycle of pain and suffering since he chose to step off his square and join a union with the beast.

It was the first Sabbath day of March 2024, as Nokey Lo wandered the streets of Glassboro feeling lost and alone, he stumbled upon a business card. The business card had a lion with the head of an eagle on it and it said Dope Jersey. On the back of the card, written in blood it said, "A. P Hall - Mentor for Troubled Youth." Curiosity sparked within Nokey Lo, and he immediately went to website on the card [www.dopejersey.com](http://www.dopejersey.com)

On the site, he seen some people that he knew that have been supporting the Dope Jersey mission, so that grew his interest in Dope Jersey and the mission. Suddenly, a gentle voice echoed through Nokey Lo's mind, "Finally, I found the help I was looking for."

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## Chapter 2: The Journey Begins

A.P Hall explained to Key that he had been sent to help him overcome the beast of drug addiction. A.P Hall also explained to him that he was once a victim of the beast, and experienced all of the five dangers that come with it. Together, they embarked on a journey through Nokey Lo's past, present, and future. A.P Hall showed him the pain and suffering his addiction had caused, but also the hope and happiness that awaited him if he could break free.

They traveled to towns and cities where Nokey Lo met other troubled youth, each battling their own beasts. A.P Hall taught them the importance of friendship, support, and knowledge of Christ. With every step, Nokey Lo grew stronger, gaining the courage to face his fears and confront the beast that had taken control of his l

## Chapter 3: Conquering the Beast

As Nokey Lo's journey neared its end, he faced the ultimate challenge - a fierce battle with the beast of drug addiction. With A.P Hall by his side, he fought with all his might, using the knowledge, wisdom, and

understanding he gained from the square lesson. It was a difficult and exhausting fight, but Lo refused to give up.

Finally, with one last burst of strength, Nokey Lo overcame the beast. The darkness that had consumed him began to fade, replaced by a newfound light and hope. A.P Hall congratulated Nokey Lo on his victory and assured him that he would always be there as a teacher and mentor.

From that day forward, Nokey Lo stopped going by the name he got in the streets and started going by the name his mother gave him Gabar. He dedicated his life to helping others who were trapped by the beast of drug addiction by getting them enrolled into the DJX program. With A.P Hall's teachings in his heart, he became a mentor himself, spreading hope and inspiring others to conquer their own beasts.

And so, the tale of A.P Hall and Gabar's journey became a legend, reminding all troubled youth that with determination and the right guidance, they too could overcome any beast that stood in their way.

### **Questions**

1. Who is the protagonist of the story?
2. What was Nokey Lo's life like before he fell into drug addiction?
3. How did Nokey Lo come across the business card for Dope Jersey?



4. What intrigued Nokey Lo about Dope Jersey and its mission?
5. Who is A.P Hall and what did he offer to help Nokey Lo with?
6. What did A.P Hall teach Nokey Lo during their journey together?
7. What challenges did Nokey Lo face during his journey?
8. How did Nokey Lo finally overcome the beast of drug addiction?
9. What did Nokey Lo change his name to and why?
10. How did Nokey Lo/Gabar continue to make a difference in the lives of others after conquering his own beast?

### **Short Story #2:**

#### **The Adventures of A.P Hall and the kids at the basketball court**

Once upon a time, in a small town called Glassboro, there was a renowned mentor and teacher named A.P. Hall. A.P. Hall was known for his dedication to his students' well-being and personal growth. One sunny afternoon, after a fulfilling day of classes, A.P. Hall decided to take a group of kids from his school to the local basketball courts for some outdoor fun.

As they strolled through the streets, enjoying the fresh air, little did they know that they were about to encounter a menacing presence. This presence was known as "The Beast," a notorious figure in Glassboro associated with drug addiction.

Just as they reached the halfway point to the basketball courts, The Beast appeared from the shadows, approaching one of the kids in A.P. Hall's group. With a sly grin, The Beast whispered, "Hey kid, do you need any drugs? I've got all kinds."

The kids, taken aback by this unexpected encounter, mustered up the courage to ask a crucial question. "Is it a natural or synthetic drug?" they inquired, hoping to gain some insight into the potential dangers they were facing.

Caught off guard, The Beast hesitated for a moment before admitting, "I don't know." Sensing an opportunity, A.P. Hall stepped forward, his voice filled with authority and concern. "Enough is enough," he declared. "You need to leave these kids alone."

As if struck by a bolt of lightning, The Beast quickly realized that he had underestimated the strength and unity of A.P. Hall's group. With a look of defeat, he turned and fled, disappearing into the streets of Glassboro.

Relief washed over the kids as they realized they had successfully driven The Beast away. A.P. Hall, proud of his students' bravery and resilience, gathered them together and continued their journey to the basketball courts. Along the way, he took the opportunity to share important

lessons about the dangers of drug addiction and the importance of making informed choices.

From that day forward, the encounter with The Beast became a pivotal moment in the lives of those kids. They learned not only about the dangers lurking in society but also the power they possessed to stand up against them. A.P. Hall's guidance and mentorship continued to shape their lives, inspiring them to become strong, compassionate individuals who made a positive impact on their community.

And so, with the sun shining brightly and the sound of laughter filling the air, A.P. Hall and his group of resilient kids reached the basketball courts, ready to enjoy an afternoon of friendship, teamwork, and the joy of simply being kids.

### **Questions**

1. Who is A.P. Hall and what is his role in the story?
2. What is the significance of A.P. Hall taking a group of kids to the basketball courts?
3. Describe the Beast and why is he known in Oakville?
4. How did The Beast approach one of the kids in A.P. Hall's group?
5. What question did the kids ask The Beast when he offered them drugs?

6. How did The Beast react when the kids asked if the drugs were natural or synthetic?
7. How did A.P. Hall intervene and handle the situation with The Beast?
8. How did the kids feel after successfully driving The Beast away?
9. What lessons did A.P. Hall share with the kids during their journey to the basketball courts?
10. How did the encounter with The Beast impact the lives of the kids in the long run?

## **Answers for Story 1 & Story 2**

### **Story 1: The Adventures of A.P Hall and Nokey Lo**

1. The protagonist of the story is Nokey Lo, who later changes his name to Gabar.
2. Before falling into drug addiction, Nokey Lo's life was filled with material wealth, popularity, and a reputation for driving expensive cars.
3. Nokey Lo came across the business card for Dope Jersey while wandering the streets of Glassboro feeling lost and alone.
4. Nokey Lo was intrigued by Dope Jersey and its mission because he saw people he knew who were supporting the organization.

5. A.P Hall is a mentor for troubled youth who had also once been a victim of drug addiction. He offered to help Nokey Lo overcome his addiction.
6. During their journey together, A.P Hall taught Nokey Lo the importance of friendship, support, and knowledge of Christ.
7. Nokey Lo faced various challenges during his journey, including confronting the pain and suffering his addiction had caused and facing his fears.
8. Nokey Lo finally overcame the beast of drug addiction through a fierce battle with the help and guidance of A.P Hall.
9. Nokey Lo changed his name to Gabar as a symbol of his transformation and dedication to helping others overcome drug addiction.
10. After conquering his own beast, Gabar became a mentor himself and dedicated his life to helping others trapped by drug addiction by enrolling them into the DJX program. He spread hope and inspired others to conquer their own beasts facing his fears.

## **Story 2**

### **The Adventures of A.P Hall and the kids at the basketball court**

1. A.P. Hall is a mentor and teacher in the story. He plays the role of guiding and protecting the group of kids.
  
2. A.P. Hall takes the group of kids to the basketball courts as a way to provide them with an opportunity for outdoor fun and recreation after school.
  
3. The Beast is a notorious figure in Oakville known for his association with drug addiction. He is seen as a menacing presence in the community.
  
4. The Beast approached one of the kids in A.P. Hall's group by offering them drugs and asking if they needed any.
  
5. The kids asked The Beast if the drugs he offered were natural or synthetic, trying to gather information about the potential dangers they might face.
  
6. The Beast admitted that he didn't know if the drugs he had were natural or synthetic, indicating a lack of knowledge about the substances he was offering.
  
7. A.P. Hall intervened by stepping forward and asserting his authority. He demanded that The Beast leave the kids alone, effectively driving him away.

8. After successfully driving The Beast away, the kids felt relieved and safe. They were proud of their ability to stand up against The Beast with the support and guidance of A.P. Hall.

9. During their journey to the basketball courts, A.P. Hall took the opportunity to share important lessons with the kids about the dangers of drug addiction and the importance of making informed choices.

10. The encounter with The Beast became a pivotal moment in the lives of the kids. They learned about the dangers of drug addiction and the power they possessed to stand up against it. A.P. Hall's guidance and mentorship continued to shape their lives, inspiring them to become strong, compassionate individuals who made a positive impact on their community.

## Notes



## DOPE JERSEY

### The Drug Addiction Awareness Handbook for Parent's

#### (10 Affirmation's)

What is an affirmation? Affirmations are positive statements that can help you to challenge and overcome self-sabotaging and negative thoughts. When you repeat them often, and believe in them, you can start to make positive changes.

Exercise 1 – My foundation is strong.

Exercise 2 – I love my drug free life.

Exercise 3 – I have a choice.

Exercise 4 – I Am not a victim to the beast.

Exercise 5 – I Am not a victim to the streets.

Exercise 6 – I have self-respect.

Exercise 7 – I love my family and friends.

Exercise 8 – I love my family and friends.

Exercise 9 – I will not play Russian Roulette with my life.

Exercise 10 – Each 1 Teach 1 for life.





## Lesson 1: The Square / Your Foundation Test

1. How would you define a drug?
2. What are four behaviors that have the potential to be as addictive as drugs?
3. What is the link between video game addiction and other psychological issues?
4. Is food considered a drug? Why or why not?
5. Where do natural drugs come from?
6. How are synthetic drugs created?
7. Why is it important to understand the origins of drugs?
8. What are some common sources of natural drugs?
9. What is the difference between natural and synthetic drugs?
10. Are natural drugs always safe to take?
11. What are some advantages of natural drugs?
12. Why are synthetic drugs considered more dangerous and addictive?
13. What is recreational drug use?
14. Why do people take drugs recreationally?
15. What is the potential danger of recreational drug use?
16. What questions should one ask themselves when offered drugs?

## **Lesson 1: The Square / Your Foundation Test**

### **Answer's**

1. A drug is a medication or other chemical that, when consumed or eaten in any other way, has a physiological effect on the body. It is a substance that alters how a person's body functions.
2. The four behaviors that have the potential to be as addictive as drugs are:
  1. Watching Television: Excessive TV watching has been found to have similarities to substance use disorder and can increase dopamine production in the brain.
  2. Playing Video Games: Addiction to video games can cause brain alterations similar to substance addiction and gambling. It is also associated with depression and other psychological and social issues.
  3. Gossiping: Gossiping can serve as a means for individuals to escape responsibility for their feelings and can become addictive.
  4. Gluttony: Gluttony, which refers to overindulging in food, can be comparable to drug abuse when it comes to overindulging in food for pleasure.
3. Video game addiction has been found to be linked with other psychological issues, including depression. It can also impact a person's capacity to function in various life domains over an extended period of time.
4. While some people may not want to recognize food as a drug, it is impossible to ignore the fact that food can be just as addictive

as drugs. Certain foods have similar properties and can lead to addictive behaviors, such as overindulging in food for pleasure.

5. Natural drugs are derived from substances found in nature, including microorganisms, minerals, plants, and animals.
6. Synthetic drugs are man-made chemicals that are created in a laboratory. The production of synthetic pharmaceuticals involves several phases, with a precursor being an essential component.
7. Understanding the origins of drugs helps in easily identifying and distinguishing between natural and synthetic drugs when they are presented. This knowledge provides insights into their composition and potential effects.
8. Natural drugs can be derived from a variety of sources, including medicinal plants, herbs, fungi, marine organisms, and animal products.
9. Natural drugs are derived from natural sources such as plants, while synthetic drugs are created using man-made chemicals.
10. No, natural drugs can still be toxic and cause negative effects. It is important to research and understand the potential risks before taking any type of drug.
11. Natural drugs are often cheaper than synthetic drugs and can offer self-healing benefits. They also tend to have fewer side effects compared to synthetic drugs.

12. Synthetic drugs are created using chemicals that can be toxic to the body and mind. They can have fatal negative effects, and the substances they contain may lead to addiction. Synthetic drugs are also more readily available and accessible, increasing the risk of misuse and health concerns.
13. Recreational drug use refers to the use of one or more psychoactive drugs to achieve an altered state of consciousness for pleasure or non-essential activities.
14. People take drugs recreationally for various reasons, such as improving mood, enhancing performance, fitting in with others, or seeking pleasure.
15. One potential danger of recreational drug use is the risk of overdose and death. For example, fentanyl overdose has claimed the lives of over a quarter of a million Americans since 2018.
16. When offered drugs, it is important to ask questions such as: What is this drug? Where did it come from? Is it natural or synthetic? Do I want to take the risk of consuming it and potentially suffering the consequences?

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