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Chapter 22 – Illegal Drugs

Vocabulary Words

1. Substance abuse – includes overuse of a drug and use of a drug in combination with alcohol.
2. Illegal drugs – substances that are illegal to manufacture, possess, buy, or sell.
3. Illicit drug use – the use of illegal drugs.
4. Overdose – a strong, sometimes fatal reaction to taking a large amount of a drug.
5. Addiction – a physical or mental dependence on a drug.
6. Marijuana, a plant whose leaves, buds, and flowers are usually smoked for their intoxicating effects.
7. Gateway drug – a drug that may lead the user to try more dangerous drugs.
8. Infertility – the inability to have children.
9. Dopamine – a chemical in the brain that produces feelings of pleasure.
10. Paranoia – an irrational distrust of other.
11. Inhalants – substances whose fumes are sniffed or inhaled to give effect.
12. Anabolic-androgenic steroids – substances that are similar to male hormones.
13. Psychoactive drugs – chemicals that affect the central nervous system and alter activity in the brain.
14. Designer drugs – synthetic drugs that are made to imitate the effects of other drugs.
15. Hallucinogens – drugs that alter moods, thoughts, and sense perceptions.
16. Euphoria – short-term feelings of intense well-being.
17. Stimulants – drugs that speed up the central nervous system.
18. Depressants – drugs that tend to slow down the central nervous system.
19. Opiates – drugs derived from the opium plant. Also known as narcotics.

20. Drug-free school zones – areas within 1,000 to 1,500 feet from a school. Anyone caught selling drugs in these areas will receive very serious penalties.

21. Drug watches – organized efforts to patrol, monitor, and report drug deals and drug abuse.

22. Rehabilitation – the process of medical and psychological treatment for dependence on drugs or alcohol.