

Drugs and the law quiz – answer sheet

1. FALSE. They are only illegal if supplied or sold under the Medicines Act.
2. FALSE. There aren't any controls on poppers.
3. FALSE. 14-year-olds can go into a pub by themselves if the landlord agrees to it but they can't drink alcohol until they are 18 years old (16 years old if they have a meal).
4. TRUE. Eating raw magic mushrooms is not illegal. It is illegal to process them, dry them out or cook them.
5. FALSE. It is the use of the drugs and not the syringe itself which may be illegal.
6. FALSE. However, cocaine is hardly ever prescribed these days.
7. TRUE. It really depends on the courts and the police. In some areas small amounts found in possession may be ignored or you may be given a caution. In some other places you may get a fine or a criminal record.
8. TRUE. It is illegal to grow cannabis even if you don't use it, and your parents would be held responsible.
9. TRUE. If you buy ecstasy, you can be charged.
10. TRUE. If the police manage to get evidence against you, then they can charge you for conspiracy to supply drugs.
11. TRUE, and so are heroin, cocaine and ecstasy.
12. FALSE. These substances aren't illegal but it doesn't mean they are safe to use. It is illegal in England and Wales for anyone to sell volatile substances to people under 18.
13. TRUE. It is sometimes prescribed to terminally ill cancer patients as a painkiller. Addicts are more often given a methadone replacement which has similar properties to heroin.
14. FALSE. It is the Misuse of Drugs Act.



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