

Looking at Labels

Directions: Look at these sample labels for an over-the-counter medicine and a prescription medicine. Then answer the questions about each medicine.

► Over-the-Counter Medicine

This is a medicine used for allergies. (Antihistamines help stop itching and sneezing.)

Drug Facts	
Active Ingredient (in each tablet)	Purpose
Chlorpheniramine maleate 2 mg	Antihistamine
Uses temporarily relieves these symptoms due to hay fever or other upper respiratory allergies: ■ sneezing ■ runny nose ■ itchy, watery eyes ■ itchy throat	
Warnings Ask a doctor before use if you have ■ glaucoma ■ a breathing problem such as emphysema or chronic bronchitis ■ trouble urinating due to an enlarged prostate gland	
Ask a doctor or pharmacist before use if you are taking tranquilizers or sedatives	
When using this product ■ you may get drowsy ■ alcohol, sedatives, and tranquilizers may increase drowsiness ■ be careful when driving a motor vehicle or operating machinery ■ excitability may occur, especially in children	
If pregnant or breast-feeding, ask a health professional before use. Keep out of reach of children. In case of overdose, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center right away.	
Directions	
adults and children 12 years and over	take 2 tablets every 4 to 6 hours; not more than 12 tablets in 24 hours
children 6 years to under 12 years	take 1 tablet every 4 to 6 hours; not more than 6 tablets in 24 hours
children under 6 years	ask a doctor
Other information store at 20–25° C (68–77° F) ■ protect from excessive moisture	
Inactive ingredients D&C yellow no. 10, lactose, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose, pregelatinized starch	

① Under what circumstances should a person take this over-the-counter medicine?

② At what time(s) should the person take this medicine?

③ What is the right amount of this medicine to take?

④ How much medicine can the person take in a day?

⑤ What are some possible side effects from taking this medicine?

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► Prescription Medicine

This is an antibiotic that's used to cure or prevent infection.

Prescription

Local Pharmacy
123 MAIN STREET
ANYTOWN, USA 11111 (800) 555-5555
DR. C. JONES

NO 0060023-08291 DATE 06/21/12

JANE SMITH
456 MAIN STREET, ANYTOWN, USA 11111

TAKE ONE CAPSULE BY MOUTH THREE
TIMES DAILY FOR 10 DAYS UNTIL ALL TAKEN

AMOXICILLIN 500MG CAPSULES
QTY. 30
NO REFILLS - DR. AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED

USE BEFORE 06/23/13
SLF/SLF

Don't use this drug past this date

① Who would be the right person to take this prescription medicine?

② At what time(s) should the person take this medicine?

③ What is the right amount of this medicine to take?

④ How much medicine can the person take in a day?

⑤ How long should the person take this medicine?

Self-Check

- I answered all of the questions for the over-the-counter medicine.
- I answered all of the questions for the prescription medicine.