

# The Truth About Teens & Drugs

**Directions:** Think about what you learned about teens and drugs today, and answer the questions. Be specific and give details in your answers.

## ► Part 1

Based on the data from the national survey, did most of your class guess high, guess low or accurately estimate the percent of eighth graders who are currently using each of these drugs? (Check one for each drug.)

Tobacco	Alcohol	Marijuana
<input type="checkbox"/> high <input type="checkbox"/> low <input type="checkbox"/> accurate	<input type="checkbox"/> high <input type="checkbox"/> low <input type="checkbox"/> accurate	<input type="checkbox"/> high <input type="checkbox"/> low <input type="checkbox"/> accurate

Many students think more young people use drugs than actually do. Why do you think this might be? \_\_\_\_\_

What are perceived norms? \_\_\_\_\_

How can perceived norms influence a person's choices to use or not use drugs? \_\_\_\_\_

## ► Part 2

You have your own blog. You want people to know the truth about teens and drugs. Write a paragraph to post on your blog that explains that most teens do not use tobacco, alcohol or other drugs. Use the national survey data you learned about in class to support your post.

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**Self-Check**

- I reported whether the class estimates were high, low or accurate and explained why this might be.
- I defined perceived norms.
- I explained how perceived norms can influence a person's choices about drug use.
- I explained that most teens do not use drugs, using the national survey data for support.