

What's Your Advice About Marijuana?

Directions: These are questions some fifth graders really asked. Read each letter and use what you've learned about marijuana to answer the question.

- In each of your responses to letters 1, 2 and 3, be sure to describe at least 1 negative short-term and 1 negative long-term effect of using marijuana related to the letter writer's situation.
- In your response to letter 4, clearly state in a convincing way that most teen do not use marijuana using evidence you learned in class.

Dear Expert,

I heard that marijuana was a safe drug to use and won't hurt your health. Is that true?

Signed,

Confused

① Dear Confused,

Dear Expert,

My older sister smokes pot. She's always trying to get me to try it. She tells me there's nothing wrong with it, and you can stop using anytime you want. What should I say to her?

Signed,

Looking for Answers

② Dear Looking for Answers,

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Dear Expert,

Two guys at the skateboard park are always talking about getting high. If I started using marijuana, would it relax me and make me a better skateboarder?

Signed,

Inquisitive Skateboarder

3 Dear Inquisitive Skateboarder,

Dear Expert,

I hear that almost everyone in eighth grade smokes pot. Is that true?

Signed,

Wanting to Know the Truth

4 Dear Wanting to Know the Truth,

Self-Check

- I described at least 1 negative short-term and 1 negative long-term effect of using marijuana in my responses to letters 1, 2 and 3.
- I described different effects in each response.
- I clearly stated that most teens do not use marijuana in my response to letter 4, using what I learned in class.