

Learn the Truth About Marijuana



Directions: Before reading “The Real Risks of Marijuana,” read the statements below and note whether you think they are true or false in the column to the left. Then, read the article.

After you have finished, reread the statements and record the correct answers based on what you learned. In the right-hand column, record at least one piece of evidence from the article that supports your answer for each statement.

| BEFORE READING | CLAIM | AFTER READING | SUPPORTING EVIDENCE |
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| <input type="radio"/> TRUE <input type="radio"/> FALSE | 1. Marijuana is safer today than it was in the past. | <input type="radio"/> TRUE <input type="radio"/> FALSE | |
| <input type="radio"/> TRUE <input type="radio"/> FALSE | 2. Marijuana is not addictive. | <input type="radio"/> TRUE <input type="radio"/> FALSE | |
| <input type="radio"/> TRUE <input type="radio"/> FALSE | 3. Using marijuana is now legal in many states because, unlike other illicit drugs, it is completely safe. | <input type="radio"/> TRUE <input type="radio"/> FALSE | |
| <input type="radio"/> TRUE <input type="radio"/> FALSE | 4. Using marijuana could affect a person’s performance in school. | <input type="radio"/> TRUE <input type="radio"/> FALSE | |
| <input type="radio"/> TRUE <input type="radio"/> FALSE | 5. Using marijuana can affect a person’s ability to drive. | <input type="radio"/> TRUE <input type="radio"/> FALSE | |
| <input type="radio"/> TRUE <input type="radio"/> FALSE | 6. Teens are less susceptible to the effects of marijuana than adults. | <input type="radio"/> TRUE <input type="radio"/> FALSE | |

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