

HEADS UP REAL NEWS ABOUT DRUGS AND YOUR BODY



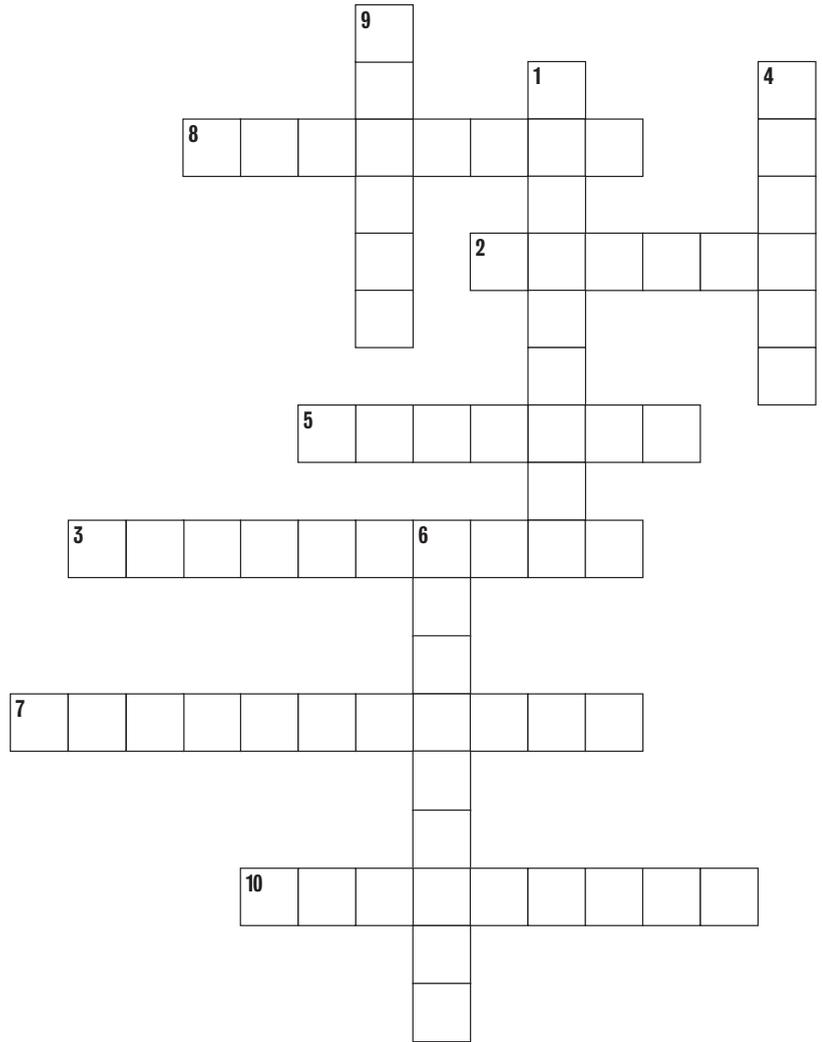
Vocabulary/Science

Cross Drugs Off

Comb the information on the poster. Then, use your brainpower to complete this crossword puzzle. Need some help? Check out our glossary.

CLUES

- When drugs become an uncontrollable habit, the problem is called _____.
- The brain's center of emotional behavior is the _____ system.
- Heroin is classified as a _____, or the type of drug that slows a person down and causes confusion.
- Tar from cigarette smoke damages healthy lung cells and can then cause lung _____.
- Snorting the drug _____ can eat away the cartilage that divides the nose. It can also cause the heart to race.
- Cocaine is a _____, or the type of drug that causes a person to "speed up" and experience jitters and irrational behavior.
- If the _____ part of the brain is not working properly, you may have a hard time remembering what you did last week.
- Taking _____, alters testosterone levels, and can stunt bone growth and cause acne to sprout.
- _____ is a highly addictive drug that depresses the central nervous system and blocks pain to induce temporary euphoria.
- When sniffed, the chemicals from _____ can replace oxygen in the lungs.



GLOSSARY

Addiction: the state in which a person becomes dependent on a drug

Cocaine: a stimulant that is most often snorted

Depressant: a drug that slows a person down, reducing anxiety and breathing rate

Heroin: a depressant that is most often injected

Hippocampus: part of the limbic system. It helps form and store memories.

Inhalants: products that give off mind-altering fumes—such as paint thinners, aerosols, and glues

Limbic System: the brain part responsible for emotions, motivations, and pleasure

Steroids: chemicals that act like the male hormone testosterone. They are used by some athletes to bulk up muscles, but can damage organs, including the liver, kidneys, and heart.

Stimulant: a drug that causes a person's body and brain to race, increasing heart rate and blood pressure