



Mixed-up About Heroin

Read the directions on how to build a paragraph on this page and look at the example. Then, on the next page, look at the notes for a paragraph on the drug heroin. Can you put them into an order that makes sense? Number the notecards from 1 to 4. Then, write your own concluding sentence.

HOW TO BUILD A 4-SENTENCE PARAGRAPH

1. Introductory sentence

This sentence tells the reader what your paragraph will be about.

1. When heroin users inject the drug and share needles, they put themselves at risk for many diseases.

2 and 3. Supporting sentences

These sentences tell the reader the information about the subject that you think they should know. Just like when you're explaining something out loud, you want to start with a general statement, and follow up with specific details and examples.

2. Shared needles can carry HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

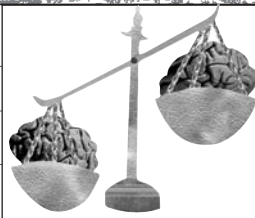
3. Needles can also carry hepatitis B and C, diseases that can damage the liver.

4. Concluding sentence

This sentence sums up the point of your paragraph.

4. Addiction isn't the only thing heroin users have to worry about.

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It is an opiate, or drug that comes from opium, the white liquid produced by the poppy plant.

What is heroin?

Heroin is highly addictive and it carries serious health risks.

Heroin abuse can also lead to collapsed veins, bacterial infections of the blood vessels and heart valves, as well as liver or kidney disease.

DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSION

Now that you've put the notes for this paragraph in the correct order, write a concluding sentence to the paragraph about the dangers of heroin in the space below.

