

# Daily Focus Activity 7-3

## Facts About Drug Abuse

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1. What happens to the brain of an addicted person?
2. What do you think an addicted person needs to do to end the addiction?
3. What factors are important in determining if a person will become addicted to drugs?
4. When does drug use become addiction?

#### Facts From the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA):

1. The brains of people addicted to drugs are different from those of nondrug users.
2. Addiction is not just a lot of drug use. Addiction results from a lot of drug use, but after you have taken drugs for awhile, you may reach a point where you can no longer control your craving for drugs; it is as if a switch has been flipped in the brain that cannot be flipped back.
3. Whether or not a person will become addicted—and how fast and strongly he or she becomes addicted—depends on many things, including his or her surroundings and personal history, what types of drugs are involved, and the way that person's body and brain respond to drugs.
4. There are effective treatments for drug abuse and for drug addiction.

**Directions:** Answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. What happens to the brain of an addicted person? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What do you think an addicted person needs to do to end the addiction? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What factors are important in determining if a person will become addicted to drugs? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. When does drug use become addiction? \_\_\_\_\_  
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