**Oxfords E-Lesson 1, T3**

Grade: Basic 6

Subject: Social Studies

Topic: Basic Concept of drug and substance

**Salient Point**

1. Drug abuse is the use of drug substances without a doctor’s prescription. Even when such drugs are prescribed, they are taken over or under dose which amounts to drug abuse.
2. **Positive effects of drugs**
3. **Production of pleasurable feelings**: Some people consume some drugs to make them cheerful. The drugs make them forget their problems
4. **Extra-energy:** Some of these drugs work in the human nerves, so they can give the user temporary energy
5. Some drugs, like the pain-relieving ones usually have temporary positive effects on the user because they could relieve headache, toothache etc.
6. **Negative effects of drugs**
7. Having continued pleasurable feelings
8. Extra energy
9. More playing, running or jumping zeal.
10. Suppression of pains or aches
11. **Naturally occurring substance / drugs**
12. Roots of plants used as medicine when soaked to extract the juice
13. Stems of some plants used as chewing stick
14. Leaves of plants such as pawpaw, orange, guava, mango, dogonyaro leaves
15. Tea leaves, Indian hemp leaves
16. Lime juice, cashew juice etc
17. **Synthetic drugs**

Synthetic drugs are those drugs processed through traditional fermentation laboratory techniques. They can also be referred to as refined drugs which may have two or more chemical components

**Examples:**

1. Panadol / Paracetamol group
2. Chloroquine, Dagaquine, Camoquine group
3. Cough mixture
4. Cocaine and other narcotic drugs
5. Penicillin ointment
6. Injection drugs
7. Eye, ear and nose drops group

**Assignment:**

1. Mention any two positive consequences and two negative consequences of drug abuse
2. State five natural occurring drugs you know
3. Make a list of any five synthetic drugs that can be found in your community

**Additional Studies**

Study the effects of drugs / substance abuse