# ennsylvania Youth Survey

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this survey. The survey asks your opinion about a number of things in your life, including your friends, your family, your neighborhood and your community. Your answers to these questions will be <u>confidential</u>. This means your answers will stay secret. Your name will never be asked. Please <u>do not</u> write your name on this survey form.

#### This survey is completely voluntary. You may skip any question you don't want to answer.

Other students have said they enjoy taking part in these surveys. We hope you will, too. <u>Be sure to read the instructions before you mark any answers</u>. Thank you very much.

## nstructions

- 1. This is not a test, so there are no right or wrong answers.
- Each question should be answered by marking only one of the answer spaces. If you don't find an answer that fits exactly, use one that comes closest. If any question does not apply to you, or you are not sure of what it means, just leave it blank.

This kind of mark will work:

**Correct Mark** 

These kinds of marks will NOT work:

**Incorrect Marks** 

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YES!

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- 3. Your answers will be read by a computer. Please follow these instructions carefully.
  - It is best to use a pencil, but you also may use a blue or black pen.
  - Make heavy marks inside the circles.
  - Completely erase any answer you want to change.
  - Make no other markings or comments on the answer pages. (If you want to add a comment about any question, please use the space provided on page 12.)
- 4. Some of the questions have the following format:

Please fill in the circle for the word that best describes how you feel.

EXAMPLE: Pepperoni pizza is one of my favorite foods.

Mark (the Big) NO! if you think the statement is <u>definitely not</u> true for you. Mark (the little) no if you think the statement is <u>mostly not true</u> for you. Mark (the little) yes if you think the statement is <u>mostly true</u> for you. Mark (the Big) YES! if you think the statement is <u>definitely true</u> for you.

In the example above, the student marked yes because he or she thinks the statement is <u>mostly true</u>. (Please mark only one answer for each question or statement.)

NO!

no

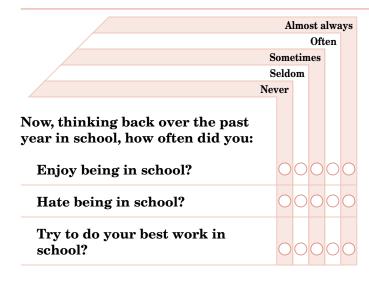
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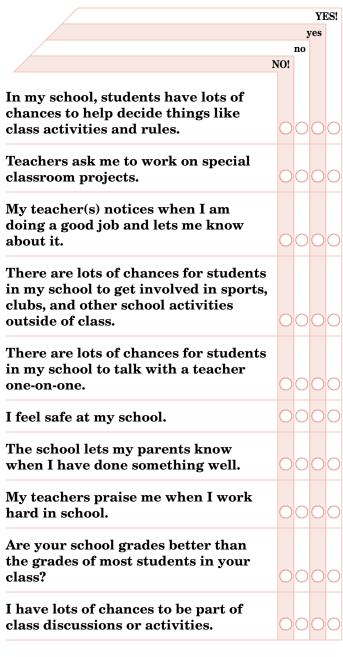
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These questions ask for some general information about you. Please mark the response that best describes you.	This section asks about your experiences at school.
	Putting them all together, what were your
How old are you?	grades like last year?
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0 11	Mostly I's
	O Mostly C's
0 13	O Mostly B's
0 14	O Mostly A's
○ 15	
○ 16	During the LAST FOUR WEEKS, how many whole
0 17	days have you missed because you skipped or "cut"?
0 18	○ None
0 19 or older	
What grade are you in?	
What grade are you in?	0 4-5
O 6th	0 6-10
O 7th	○ 11 or more
O 8th	
○ 9th	How often do you feel that the schoolwork you
10th	are assigned is meaningful and important?
○ 11th	Almost always
0 12th	Often
0.11	○ Sometimes
	Seldom
Ano work	
Are you:	○ Never
Female	II
○ Male	How interesting are most of your courses to you?
	Very interesting and stimulating
	<ul> <li>Quite interesting</li> </ul>
What do you consider yourself to be?	<ul> <li>Fairly interesting</li> </ul>
(choose all that apply)	Slightly dull
O White	◯ Very dull
O Black or African American	
O American Indian/Native American, Eskimo or Aleut	How important do you think the things you are
Spanish/Hispanic/Latino	learning in school are going to be for your later
Asian or Pacific Islander	life?
Other (Please specify:)	Very important
	O Quite important
What is the language you use most often at home?	<ul> <li>Fairly important</li> </ul>
English	<ul> <li>Slightly important</li> </ul>
○ Spanish	Not at all important
Another language (Please specify:)	

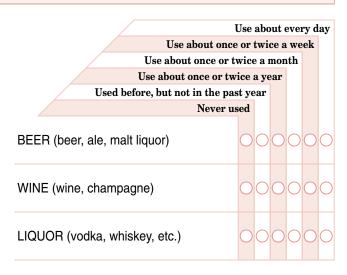
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These questions ask about your feelings and experiences in other parts of your life. 4 3 2 1 None Think of your four best friends (the friends you feel closest to). In the past year (12 months), how many of your best friends have: **Smoked cigarettes?** OCTried beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin) when their parents didn't know about it? **Used marijuana?** Used LSD, cocaine, amphetamines, or other illegal drugs? Been suspended from school? **Carried a handgun?** Sold illegal drugs? ()))))Stolen or tried to steal a motor vehicle such as a car or motorcycle? **Been arrested? Dropped out of school?** Been members of a gang? Very good chance Pretty good chance Some chance Little chance No or very little chance What are the chances you would be seen as cool if you: **Smoked cigarettes?** OO**Began drinking alcoholic** beverages regularly, that is, at least once or twice a month? **Smoked marijuana? Carried a handgun?** 

The next section asks about your experience with tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs. Please fill in the circle for the answer that best describes how often you use or have used each drug. Remember, your answers are confidential. This means your answers will stay secret.



## Have you <u>ever</u> used smokeless tobacco (chew, snuff, plug, dipping tobacco, chewing tobacco)?

O Never

- Once or twice
- Once in a while but not regularly
- Regularly in the past
- O Regularly now

## How frequently have you used smokeless tobacco during the <u>past 30 days</u>?

- O Never
- Once or twice
- Once or twice per week
- O About once a day
- O More than once a day

#### Have you ever smoked cigarettes?

- O Never
- Once or twice
- Once in a while but not regularly
- Regularly in the past
- Regularly now

## How frequently have you smoked cigarettes during the <u>past 30 days</u>?

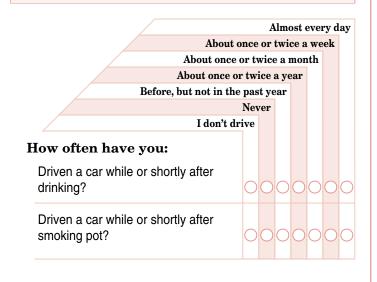
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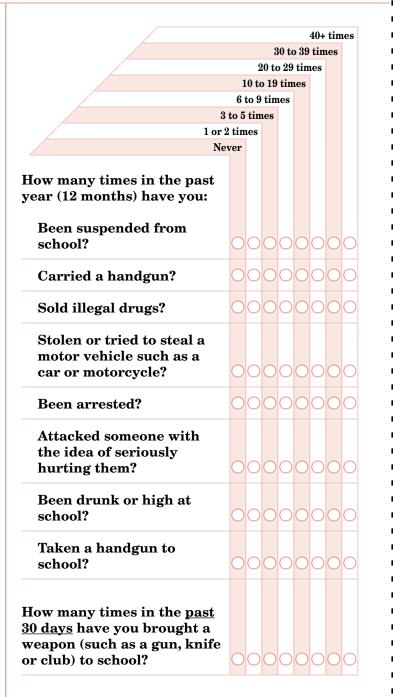
- Less than one cigarette per day
- One to five cigarettes per day
- O About one-half pack per day
- O About one pack per day
- O About one and one-half packs per day
- $\bigcirc$  Two packs or more per day

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	10 to					
6 to 9 occasions						
3 to 5			ons			
1 or 2 oc 0 occasi		ons				
On how many occasions (if any) have you:						
Had beer, wine, or hard liquor in your <u>lifetime</u> ?	0	0	0	0	0	00
Had beer, wine, or hard liquor during the <u>past 30 days</u> ?	0	0	0	0	0	00
Used marijuana in your <u>lifetime</u> ?	0	0	0	0	0	00
Used marijuana during the past <u>30 days</u> ?	0	0	0	0	0	00
Sniffed glue, breathed the contents of an aerosol spray can, or inhaled other gases or sprays in order to get high in your <u>lifetime</u> ?	0	0	0	0	0	00
Sniffed glue, breathed the contents of an aerosol spray can, or inhaled other gases or sprays in order to get high during the <u>past 30 days</u> ?	0	0	0	0	0	00
Used cocaine in your <u>lifetime</u> ?	0	0	0	0	0	00
Used cocaine during the past 30 days?	0	0	0	0	0	00
Used crack in your <u>lifetime</u> ?	0	0	0	0	0	00
Used crack during the past 30 days?	0	0	0	0	0	00
Used heroin in your lifetime?	0	0	0	0	0	00
Used heroin during the past <u>30 days</u> ?	0	0	0	0	0	00
Used hallucinogens (acid, LSD, shrooms) in your <u>lifetime</u> ?	0	0	0	0	0	00
Used hallucinogens during the past 30 days?	0	0	0	0	0	00

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On how many occasions (if any) have you:							
Used derbisol in your <u>lifetime</u> ?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Used derbisol during the past 30 days?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Used methamphetamine (meth, crystal meth, crank) in your <u>lifetime</u> ?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Used methamphetamine (meth, crystal meth, crank) during the <u>past 30 days</u> ?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Used Ecstasy in your lifetime?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Used Ecstasy during the past 30 days?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taken steroids without a doctor's orders in your <u>lifetime</u> ?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taken steroids without a doctor's orders during the past 30 days?	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

# These questions ask about experiences in other areas of your personal life.



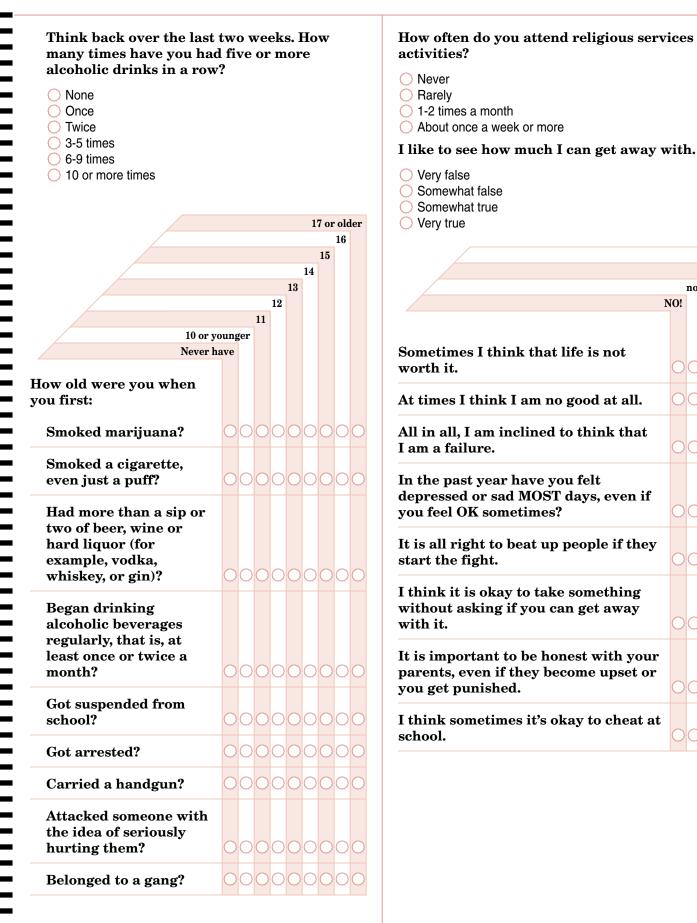


#### Have you ever belonged to a gang?

O Yes

# If you have ever belonged to a gang, did that gang have a name?

- O No
- O Yes
- I have never belonged to a gang.



## How often do you attend religious services or

YES!

yes

no

NO!

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#### I ignore rules that get in my way.

- Very false
- Somewhat false
- Somewhat true
- O Very true

I do the opposite of what people tell me, just to get them mad.

Verv false Somewhat false ○ Somewhat true O Very true Once a week or more 2 or 3 times a month About once a month Less than once a month I've done it, but not in the past year Never How many times have you done the following things? Done what feels good no matter what. **Done something dangerous** because someone dared you to

Done crazy things even if they are a little dangerous.

do it.

#### These questions ask about how you would act in certain situations. They also ask your opinion about certain things.

You're looking at CDs in a music store with a friend. You look up and see her slip a CD under her coat. She smiles and says, "Which one do you want? Go ahead, take it while nobody's around." There is nobody in sight, no employees and no other customers. What would you do now?

- O Ignore her.
- Grab a CD and leave the store.
- Tell her to put the CD back.
- O Act like it's a joke, and ask her to put the CD back.

It's 8:00 on a weeknight and you are about to go over to a friend's home when your mother asks you where you are going. You say, "Oh, just going to go hang out with some friends." She says, "No, you'll just get into trouble if you go out. Stay home tonight." What would you do now?

- C Leave the house anyway.
- Explain what you are going to do with your friends, tell her when you'd get home, and ask if you can go out.
- O Not say anything and start watching TV.
- O Get into an argument with her.

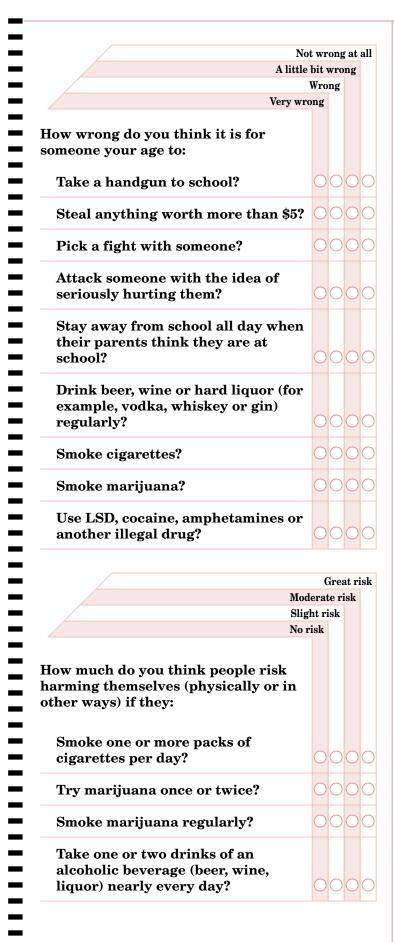
You are visiting another part of town, and you don't know any of the people your age there. You are walking down the street, and some teenager you don't know is walking toward you. He is about your size, and as he is about to pass you, he deliberately bumps into you and you almost lose your balance. What would you say or do?

- O Push the person back.
- Say "Excuse me" and keep on walking.
- Say "Watch where you're going" and keep on walking.
- Swear at the person and walk away.

#### You are at a party at someone's house, and one of your friends offers you a drink containing alcohol. What would you say or do?

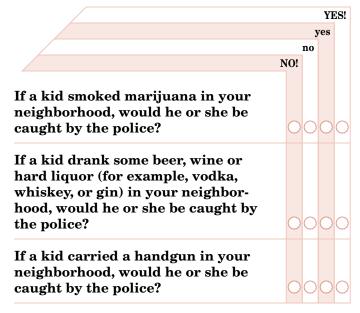
- 🔘 Drink it.
- Tell your friend "No thanks, I don't drink" and suggest that you and your friend go and do something else.

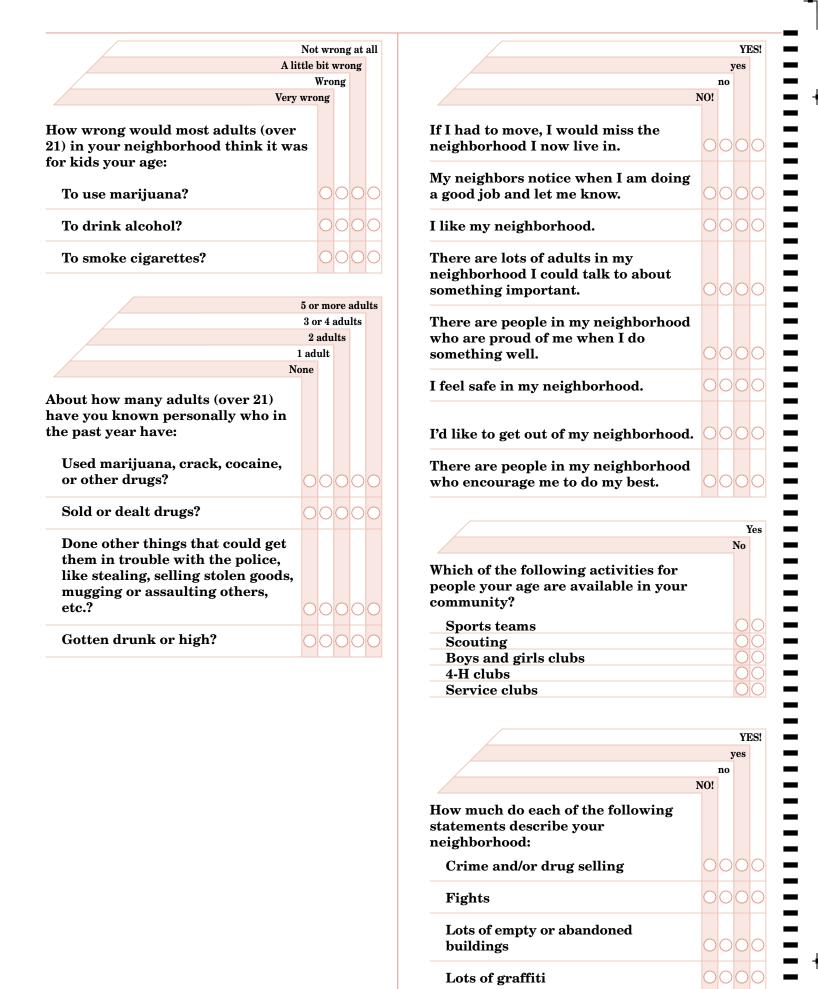
- Just say "No, thanks" and walk away.
- Make up a good excuse, tell your friend you had something else to do, and leave.



#### These questions ask about the neighborhood and community where you live.

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	Sort of easy
Sort	t of hard
Very	hard
If you wanted to get some beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin), how easy would it be for you to get some?	0000
If you wanted to get some cigarettes, how easy would it be for you to get some?	0000
If you wanted to get a drug like cocaine, LSD, or amphetamines, how easy would it be for you to get some?	0000
If you wanted to get some marijuana, how easy would it be for you to get some?	0000
If you wanted to get a handgun, how easy would it be for you to get one?	0000





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How wrong do your parents feel it would be for <u>you</u> to:			
Drink beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin) regularly?	0	0	
Smoke cigarettes?	0	0	C
Smoke marijuana?	0	0	$\left( \right)$
Steal anything worth more than \$5?	0	0	C
Draw graffiti, or write things or draw pictures on buildings or other property (without the owner's permission)?	0	0	(

Pick a fight with someone?

Have you changed homes in the past year?

🔿 No

 O Yes

How many times have you changed homes since kindergarten?

- O Never
- 1 or 2 times
- O 3 or 4 times
- 5 or 6 times
- 7 or more times

Have you changed schools (including changing from elementary to middle and middle to high school) in the past year?

O No Ves

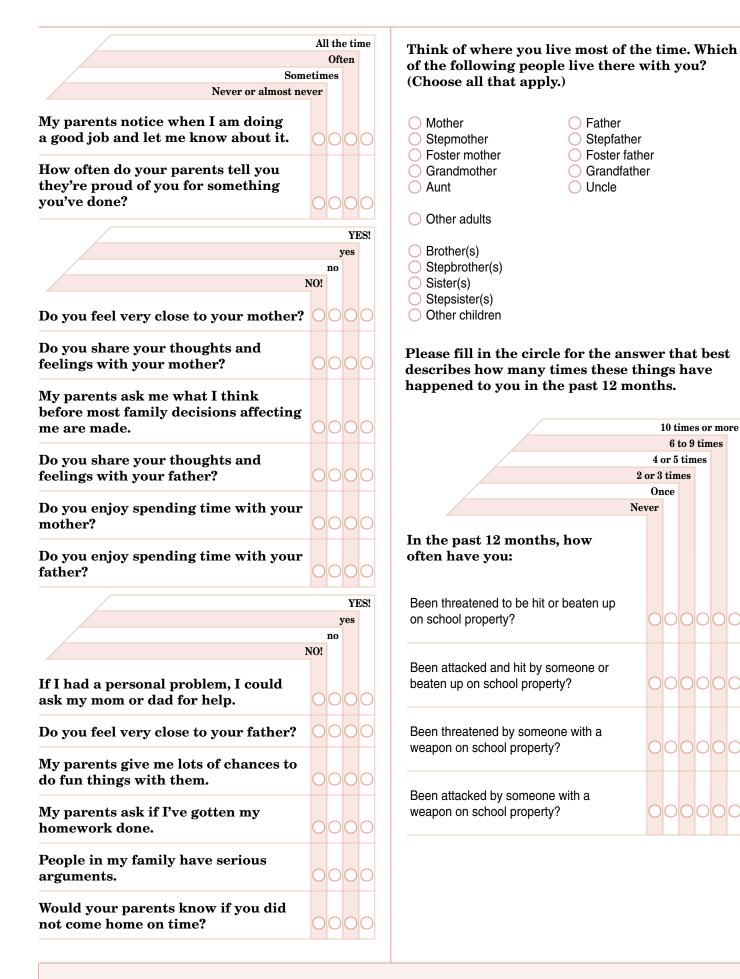
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	•	Yes	
	No		
Have any of your brothers or sisters ever:			
Drunk beer, wine or hard liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey or gin)?	0	0	0
Smoked marijuana?	0	0	0
Smoked cigarettes?	0	0	0
Taken a handgun to school?	0	0	0
Been suspended or expelled from school?	0	0	0

## Has anyone in your family ever had a severe alcohol or drug problem?

○ No				
○ Yes				
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	NO!	no		
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The rules in my family are clear.	0	0	0	0
People in my family often insult or yell at each other.	0	0	0	0
When I am not at home, one of my parents knows where I am and who I am with.	0	0	$\bigcirc$	0
We argue about the same things in my family over and over.	0	0	0	0
If you drank some beer or wine or liquor (for example, vodka, whiskey, or gin) without your parents' permission, would you be caught by your parents?	0	0	0	0
My family has clear rules about alcohol and drug use.	0	0	0	0
If you carried a handgun without your parents' permission, would you be caught by your parents?	0	0	0	0
If you skipped school, would you be caught by your parents?	0	0	0	0



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These items list some possible effects of cigarette, inhalant, alcohol and marijuana use. Fill in the circle for the answer that best matches what you know about each drug.

Nicotine is a chemical in cigarettes.

- O It makes cigarette smokers want to smoke more
- $\bigcirc$  It makes cigarette smokers want to quit smoking
- On't know

#### Inhalants:

- Cause lung damage
- O Don't get into the lungs
- O Don't know

If someone has just one drink of **alcohol:** 

- $\bigcirc$  It doesn't affect their coordination
- O It affects their coordination
- On't know

### Smoking marijuana:

- O Speeds up your heart rate
- $\bigcirc$  Slows down your heart rate
- O Don't know

Please fill in the circle for the answer that best describes how willing you are to try or use the drugs listed below. These are not questions about current or past use of these drugs.



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