

ENGLISH TEST - DRUG ABUSE

9th Grade Worksheet

Name _____

Read the following article about a teenager!

Seventeen-year-old Pupil Pushes Dope

Pete, a student at Wendles Secondary School, was arrested yesterday for selling cannabis to junior pupils. He blamed his friends for getting him hooked on it "First time I had it was at a friend's house on a Saturday evening. I was excited about taking it, rather than frightened or anything. At first it was just like smoking a cigarette but getting a pleasant effect as well I kept laughing It was like being drunk without the sick feeling. I only smoked it when I was offered it at big parties. Then I met somebody who said they could get the stuff easily. My friends started coming to me for it. Then this person started getting heavy. He wanted me to start using other things, but I refused. "Police Inspector James said, "That's the way these kids often get hooked. The 'hard' drug pushers start them on something like cannabis and then say. "Why don't you just sniff a bit of this?" and before they know it, they're hooked on heroin, cocaine or amphetamines. It only takes two weeks of heroin, two or three times a week, to be addicted." Mr. Macintosh, the headmaster, said he was naturally horrified, and wanted to reassure parents that nothing like was had occurred in the school before.

A. Say If the statements are TRUE or FALSE and quote from the text to support your answer!

1. The kid who was put in jail said friends were responsible for getting him addicted on drugs.
2. He thought that in the beginning smoking dope was similar to drinking heavily without the side effects.
3. He used to smoke it regularly.
4. There hadn't been any similar events at school before.

B. Answer the questions below!

1. Why was a seventeen-year-old pupil arrested?

2. How did he start taking drugs?

3. Was Pete afraid of taking drugs for the first time?

4. How long does it take to become heroin addicted?
