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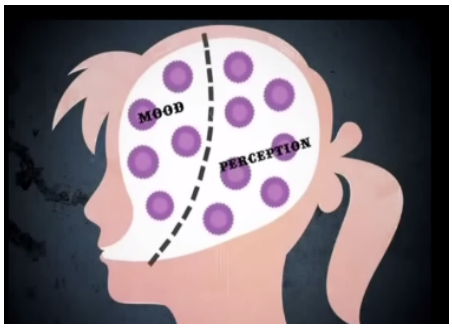
Video

Talk to Frank: Drugs on the Brain



Evidence ratings:

This resource has undergone expert review. See our Help/Q&A section for more details.

Year: Year 9–10, Year 11–12

Targeted Drugs: Cannabis, Cocaine, Hallucinogens, MDMA/Ecstasy

Tags:

Time Allocated: Partial lesson (under 45mins)

Links to National Curriculum:
ACPPS095 (Yr 9–10), ACPPS096 (Yr 9–10)

Origin: International

Cost:
Free

Available

This video series is available on YouTube.

Access the 'Talk to Frank: Drugs on the Brain' video series

Developers

Talk to Frank (initiative funded by the Home Office, UK)

Summary

Video length: Four short videos, each under 2 minutes.

This British series of very short videos provide a short introduction to LSD, Cocaine, MDMA/Ecstasy, and Cannabis. They focus specifically on the effect of these substances on the neurochemical processes within the brain.

- Access MDMA/Ecstasy on the Brain
- Access Cannabis on the Brain
- Access LSD on the Brain
- Access Cocaine on the Brain

Expected Benefits

- Increased knowledge of drug-related effects and harms.

Evidence Base

Expert Review*:

Drugs on the Brain is an engaging series of animated videos that provide brief, factual information about four illegal drugs. The series is well-produced and uses interesting pop-art graphics to illustrate its key points. The animated depiction of neurochemical effects within the brain will help young people to understand how these drugs influence perceptions, emotions and behaviour in the short and long-term. When viewed as a series, the videos can be a useful way to highlight the similarities and differences across different drugs. Given their brevity, these videos would provide a useful introduction or conversation starting point.

* Review provided by researchers at the Matilda Centre for Research in Mental Health and Substance Use at the University of Sydney.

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