

Quiz: Drugs in the UK (1)

Questions	True	False
1. True or False: The United Kingdom has one of the highest rates of drug misuse in Europe.		
2. True or False: Cannabis is classified as a Class A drug in the UK.		
3. True or False: Legalizing drugs in the UK has led to a decrease in drug-related deaths.		
4. True or False: Ecstasy (MDMA) is the most commonly used drug among young adults in the UK.		
5. True or False: Heroin is the most lethal drug in terms of overdose deaths in the UK.		
6. True or False: The use of nitrous oxide, also known as laughing gas or "hippy crack," is legal in the UK.		
7. True or False: Legal prescription drugs are more widely abused in the UK than illicit drugs.		
8. True or False: The UK decriminalized personal drug possession in 2020.		
9. True or False: Drug-related crime rates have significantly decreased in the UK over the past decade.		
10. True or False: Alcohol is responsible for more deaths in the UK than drug misuse.		

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Answers:

1 - Answer: True. According to the 2019 European Drug Report, the UK has one of Europe's highest drug misuse rates, with around 3.7% of its population aged 15-64 having used drugs in the past year.

2- Answer: False. Cannabis is classified as a Class B drug in the UK, carrying a maximum penalty of 5 years imprisonment for possession and up to 14 years for supply.

3- Answer: False. The UK has not legalized drugs, and drug-related deaths have been on the rise. In 2019, there were 4,393 drug-related deaths registered in England and Wales, the highest number since records began in 1993.

4- Answer: False. Cocaine is the most commonly used drug among young adults in the UK. According to the Crime Survey for England and Wales, around 8.6% of 16-24-year-olds had used cocaine in the last year, compared to 4.4% who had used ecstasy.

5- Answer: True. Heroin, among opioid drugs, carries the highest risk of overdose deaths in the UK. In 2019, there were 1,364 deaths related to heroin/morphine use, accounting for 33% of all drug poisonings.

6 - Answer: True. Nitrous oxide is legally available in the UK for certain purposes, such as medicinal uses or food preparation. However, its recreational use as a psychoactive substance is prohibited under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016.

7 - Answer: True. Prescription drug misuse is a growing concern in the UK. According to a Home Office survey, in 2018/2019, an estimated 3.8% of adults aged 16 to 59 had taken prescription-only painkillers without a prescription for non-medical purposes.

8 - Answer: False. As of now, the UK has not decriminalized personal drug possession. Possession of controlled substances remains a criminal offence, although different approaches to enforcement can be observed, such as diversion programs for minor offenses.

9 - Answer: False. Drug-related crimes remain a concern in the UK. In the year ending March 2020, approximately 157,608 drug offences were recorded in England and Wales, showing a slight increase compared to previous years.

10 - Answer: True. Alcohol-related deaths in the UK significantly outweigh drug-related deaths. In 2019, there were 7,830 alcohol-specific deaths registered in England and Wales, compared to 4,393 drug-related deaths during the same period.

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