

**DRUGS Worksheet:**

Name:

Period:

**What is a drug?**

A substance other than food that changes the structure or function of the body or mind.

**Drugs as Medicine:** Medicine = drug used to prevent or cure illness

**OTC:** over-the-counter, medicines that are found on the shelves of local pharmacy or grocery store

Example: Tylenol, cough medicine, Zyrtec allergy meds,

**What is on the box/container?** Warnings, active ingredient, dosage (how much and how often)

**Prescription:** Legally obtained medicine only with a doctor's written prescription

What is on the label? Pharmacy, patient, dosage, expiration date

**Addiction:** A mental and/or physical need for a drug or other substance

**Withdrawal:** the unpleasant symptoms that someone experiences when he/she stops using an addictive substance.

**Tolerance:** The body's need for larger and larger amounts of a drug to produce the same effect (high).

**Dopamine:** Brain chemical that increases when someone takes drugs; more dopamine the greater the addiction