

Drug Classifications:

Classification	To the Nervous System: How they interfere with the messages in the brain.	How does it change a person?	What are some drugs?
Stimulant	Speeds things up	Anxiety Paranoia Increases Heart Rate Reduced appetite Insomnia (cannot sleep) Feeling of being "shaky" Enhanced ability to think and function	Tobacco Caffeine Cocaine Meth
Depressant	Slows things down	Impair our reflexes, Reduce reaction time, Feeling of relaxation Slurring of speech Thoughts and judgement impaired Increase risk of violence	Alcohol Xanax Valium
Hallucinogen	Mix things up: Speed up and slow down	Feeling of distortion Hallucinations More sensitive to touch, pain, sounds, Perception of time off Poor short term memory Inability of focus	Marijuana LSD PCP Inhalants
Narcotic/Opiate	Blocks pain Slows things down	Pain Relief Depressant Behaviors	Opium, Demerol Morphine, Oxycodone Heroin Demerol