Resource 1: Caffeine scenario ©PSHE Association 2025



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Gradually reduce intake of caffeinated products day by day

Switch to decaffeinated or non-caffeine-containing products

Establish healthy sleep habits to reduce the feeling of 'needing' an energy boost

Switch to healthier energy-boosting foods/drinks e.g. fruit or porridge

Talk to a trusted adult who can help

Avoid 'temptation'
where possible, e.g. by
not going into the shop
before school

Check the ingredients on foods and medicines to see if they contain caffeine Avoid skipping meals to reduce the feeling of 'needing' an energy boost

Drink more
water – staying
hydrated helps to
maintain energy levels

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- What do your drawings have in common?
- · Is a wide range of people represented or have common stereotypes been used?
- If people in your group have drawn stereotypical images of someone who uses drugs, does this mean that nobody else uses them?
- What types of drugs have the group focused on? Are they mainly restricted or illegal drugs, or have you included medicinal drugs and other legal substances?
- Has everyone identified similar drugs, or is there variation?
- What were the most common reasons given for the user taking drugs?
- What drug effects have been identified in your group?
- Is there anything your group would like to know more about as a result of doing this activity?



Resource 3: Draw and Write analysis

Working in groups – and without adding anything new to your work at this stage – share your Draw and Write baseline activity with each other. Discuss and note down in your books your responses to the following questions:

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