



# LifeSmarts

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## The LifeSmarts OTC Medicine Safety Mentoring Project

### True/False Medicine Safety Questions

For use with the [Community Fish Bowl activity](#)

Questions taken from the OTC Medicine Safety Post-Assessment, produced by Scholastic and the American Association of Poison Control Centers, with support from Johnson & Johnson Consumer Inc.

Directions: Cut apart the questions, fold them, and place in a large bowl.

#### Question 1

If you use a household or kitchen spoon to measure liquid medicines, you can be sure you will get the right dose. *True or False?*

#### Question 2

You can't be harmed by over-the-counter medicines. After all, you can buy them without a doctor's prescription. *True or False?*

#### Question 3

It's okay to take two medicines with the same active ingredient at the same time. *True or False?*



**Question 4**

It's okay to use someone else's prescription medicine if you have the same symptoms he or she had when he or she got it. *True or False?*

**Question 5**

It's okay to take your leftover prescription medicine later if you get sick again. *True or False?*

**Question 6**

It's okay to take more medicine than what is directed on the label if you are very sick. *True or False?*

**Question 7**

In a medicine, an active ingredient is what relieves a person's symptoms. *True or False?*

**Question 8**

The Drug Facts label tells you what symptoms the medicine treats. *True or False?*

**Question 9**

The Drug Facts label gives you the dosage information (how much medicine to take).  
*True or False?*

**Question 10**

A pharmacist can answer questions about over-the-counter medicines. *True or False?*

**Question 11**

All medicines have an expiration date. *True or False?*

**Question 12**

Children should not use prescription medicine without the permission of their parent or a trusted adult. *True or False?*

**Question 13**

Medicine should be kept in a place where children can't reach it. *True or False?*

**Question 14**

If you and your friend are the same age, it will be safe for you to take the same dose of an over-the-counter medicine. *True or False?*



**Question 15**

Prescription medicine cannot be bought without a doctor's permission. *True or False?*

**Question 16**

Children over 12 can take over-the-counter medicine without a parent's permission if they carefully read the label. *True or False?*

**Question 17**

Medicine should be stored in the container it came in. *True or False?*

**Question 18**

One gulp from a bottle of liquid medicine is exactly one tablespoon of medicine. *True or False?*

**Question 19**

Over-the-counter medicines can be dangerous when misused. *True or False?*

**Question 20**

Prescription medicine can be found on the shelves in some stores. *True or False?*

**Question 21**

Prescription medicine is meant to be used by one person. *True or False?*



**Question 22**

The local poison center is a good place to call if someone has taken too much medicine. *True or False?*

**Question 23**

Medicine should be kept on the kitchen counter so you remember to take it. *True or False?*

**Question 24**

Taking more medicine than directed will help you feel better faster. *True or False?*

**Question 25**

Taking more than one medicine with the same active ingredient will help you feel better faster. *True or False?*

**Question 26**

If you have questions about an over-the-counter medicine you have not taken before, you should ask a friend who has taken it before. *True or False?*

**Question 27**

You can call the poison center even if it isn't an emergency. *True or False?*