



### 130. Drugs

Sarah: Hello Wentworth. Do you know that Tracy is absent from university today?

W: No I don't. What happened to her?

Sarah: She unknowingly consumed a drink spiked with ecstasy at a club and woke up at the hospital. Drugs are such a plague!

W: Poor her... Do you know that more than thirty percent of America's thirteen-years-old takes drugs?

Sarah: I know, it's awful. Drug addiction is one of the main scourges of the western world. Some say that taking drugs enables them to lose their inhibitions.

W: The problem is that even recreational cocaine users should not underestimate the health risks and same for chronic cannabis smoking which can increase the likelihood of heart disease, lung cancer, bronchitis and emphysema.

Sarah: and the long term problems exhibited by many ecstasy users include memory loss, anxiety, impulsive behaviour and depression... Oh, I hope Tracy is okay!

W: Don't worry; hopefully she won't have harmful effects or any side effects.

Sarah: It's a real society problem, as drug-related violence is on the increase everywhere, and for some young people drug trafficking is the only means to escape their condition; for others it is easy money.

W: well unfortunately as long as Swiss banks go on laundering dirty money, there will be good times ahead for drug runners.

Sarah: Definitely. It is high time the governments of the world united their efforts and declared an all-out war on drugs.



GLOSSARY:

Drugs: la drogue	Likelihood: la probabilité
To consume: consommer	Heart disease: la maladie cardiaque
To spike: garner	Lung cancer: le cancer du poumon
To wake up: se réveiller	Bronchitis: une bronchite
To take: prendre	Emphysema: un emphysème
To enable: permettre	Memory loss: perte de mémoire
To lose: perdre	Anxiety: le stress
To underestimate: sous estimer	Impulsive behaviour: l'impulsivité
To smoke: fumer	Depression: la dépression
To exhibit: exposer, montrer	Harmful effects: des effets nocifs
To include: inclure	Side effects: les effets secondaires
To hope: espérer	A society problem: un problème de société
to escape: échapper	Drug-related violence: les actes de violence commis sous l'emprise de la drogue
To launder money: blanchir de l'argent	Drug trafficking: le trafic de drogue
To unite: unir, unifier	The only means: le seul moyen
To declare: déclarer	Their condition: leur condition
A drink: une boisson	Easy money: de l'argent facile
A club: un club	Swiss banks: des banques suisses
A plague: un fléau	Dirty money: de l'argent sale
Drug addiction: la toxicomanie	Good times ahead: de beaux jours devant soi
Scourges: fléau	Drug runners: les trafiquants de drogue
The western world: le monde occidental	Their efforts: leurs efforts
Inhibition: l'inhibition	An all-out war: une guerre totale
Recreational cocaine users: ceux qui font de la cocaïne un usage récréatif	
The health risks : les risques pour la santé	
Chronic cannabis smoking : fumer du cannabis régulièrement	