



### 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	Likelihood
To consume	Heart disease
To spike	Lung cancer
To wake up	Bronchitis
To take	Emphysema
To enable	Memory loss
To lose	Anxiety
To underestimate	Impulsive behaviour
To smoke	Depression
To exhibit	Harmful effects
To include	Side effects
To hope	A society problem
to escape	Drug-related violence
To launder money	Drug trafficking
To unite	The only means
To declare	Their condition
A drink	Easy money
A club	Swiss banks
A plague	Dirty money
Drug addiction	Good times ahead
Scourges	Drug runners
The western world	Their efforts
Inhibition	An all-out war
Recreational cocaine users	
The health risks	
Chronic cannabis smoking	



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