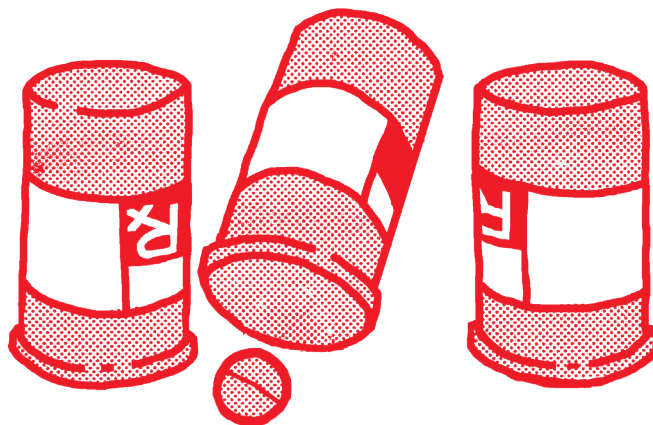


# The Real Deal on Fentanyl

## Part 1: Know the Facts

Fentanyl is a synthetic opioid medication that is sometimes prescribed for severe pain, with a doctor's supervision. Because it's so powerful, it is being made illegally and is found in fake pills that look like regular medications. Fentanyl is responsible for thousands of deaths in people ages 10–19 every year.

To learn more, explore [realdealonfentanyl.com](http://realdealonfentanyl.com). Use the information you learn to determine if each statement below is true or false. Circle the correct answer.



Statement	True or False?
1. Illegal fentanyl is a powerful, deadly drug that is made in facilities with no controls for safety.	True / False
2. You have to take a lot of fentanyl to overdose.	True / False
3. Fentanyl is cheap to make and very powerful so it is often found in illegal drugs.	True / False
4. Fentanyl is often found in fake pills that look like those prescribed by doctors to help people with pain, anxiety, and focus.	True / False
5. You can identify counterfeit pills if you know what types of markings to look for.	True / False
6. Counterfeit pills are made in batches. If someone has already taken one pill from a particular batch, then the rest of the batch will be safe, too.	True / False
7. Sharing a friend's medication is safe if you know them well.	True / False
8. Real, safe medicines are only available with a prescription from your doctor and obtained from a licensed pharmacy.	True / False
9. There are medications available that reverse the effects of an overdose from opioids, including fentanyl.	True / False
10. If you're overwhelmed or feeling stressed, anxious, or depressed, it's OK to ask for help. Talk with a trusted adult about what you're going through.	True / False

## Part 2: Staying Safe

The most important thing to do to stay safe from fentanyl is to only take medicine prescribed to you by your doctor and filled at a licensed pharmacy.

To learn more on how you can stay safe and help others, think about the following questions. Write your answers on the back of this sheet.

**1. Managing Feelings** — There are many reasons people take drugs. Sometimes it is because they don't know how else to manage stress or big feelings, like anxiety, sadness, and shyness. Work with your group to make a list of safe, healthy ways to manage these feelings. For example, talking with a trusted adult or friend.

**2. My Trusted Adult** — Identify 2 to 3 trusted adults you could turn to if you were facing a big challenge or were concerned about a friend.

**3. Recognizing an Overdose** — What are the signs of an opioid overdose? What action can you take to help someone who may be in danger? Refer to [realdealonfentanyl.com](http://realdealonfentanyl.com) to learn more.