Activity 2

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What Does This Mean?

Charlie Ternan was a college senior, three weeks away from graduation, when he took what he thought was a Percocet to help alleviate his back pain. He had taken the medication before, but the pill Charlie took wasn't from his doctor — he purchased it online. He didn't know that it was counterfeit and contained fentanyl. One pill killed him within 30 minutes. Charlie is not alone — in 2020, 76% of drug-related deaths in people ages 14-23 involved fentanyl. And many teens didn't even know they were taking it.

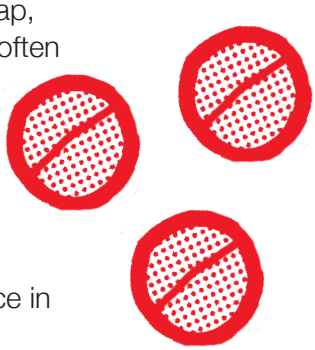
Sample images from the DEA. Can you tell the difference?

Part 1: Understanding the Issue

The only safe pills are ones that are prescribed to you by a doctor and filled at a licensed pharmacy. Use information from **realdealonfentanyl.com** and this word bank to understand why.

Word Bank

counterfeit drugs fentanyl gamble
lethal one pills



1. Illegal _____ is cheap, potent, and profitable — so it is often found in illicit drugs.

2. Fentanyl is also pressed into _____, made to look like real medications. These _____ pills are hard to identify. Can you tell the difference in the photo of the pills above?

3. 70% of fake pills confiscated by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) in 2023 contained a potentially _____ dose of fentanyl.

4. You can't see, smell, or taste if a drug contains fentanyl, and there's no quality control for fake pills. This makes every dose a _____.

5. Fake pills and other _____ change hands too many times to know what's in them. In a batch of 4 pills, _____ pill can be deadly even if the others aren't.

Part 2: How Can You Help?

Knowing what to do in the case of an overdose — and acting quickly — can save lives. Visit **realdealonfentanyl.com** to answer the following questions.

1. What are some signs of an overdose?

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2. What should you do if you are concerned that someone is overdosing?

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3. What are opioid overdose reversal medications?

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4. What is a Good Samaritan law?

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5. What are the Good Samaritan laws in your state? _____

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