

# VOCABULARY EXERCISE



Match the word with the meaning.

BENZODIAZEPINES

NARCAN

CANNABINOIDS

NALOXONE

PSYCHOACTIVE DRUG

XYLAZINE

HALLUCINOGENS

A type of medication known as tranquillizers include Valium and Xanax. They are some of the most commonly prescribed medications in the United States. When people without prescriptions obtain and take these drugs for their sedating effects, use turns into abuse.

A non-opioid veterinary tranquillizer, not approved for human use, has been linked to an increasing number of overdose deaths nationwide in the evolving drug addiction and overdose crisis.<sup>1</sup> Studies show people exposed to it often knowingly or unknowingly used it in combination with other drugs, particularly illicit fentanyl.

A diverse drug group that alters perception (awareness of surrounding objects and conditions), thoughts, and feelings. They cause hallucinations, or sensations and images that seem real though they are not.

A chemical substance that acts primarily upon the central nervous system where it alters brain function, resulting in temporary changes in perception, mood, consciousness, and behaviour.

Any of the various chemical constituents (such as THC or cannabinal) of cannabis or marijuana.

This is synonymous with Narcan.

A medication that blocks the effects of opioids (such as heroin, morphine, fentanyl, etc.) that can be used to temporarily reverse an opioid overdose.