Lesson 2:

Our Drug Culture
Culture:
the beliefs and activities that are common to members of a group. Culture includes ideas that people have about art, religion, family and government, their ideas about what is important or valuable, how people should act and what people like to do for fun or entertainment.
Drug culture:

refers not only to the lifestyles of people who abuse drugs and the modes of dress and behavior common to abusers of different types of drugs, but also refers to the degree to which drugs have invaded so many aspects of our society and have influenced our culture in fundamental ways.
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Based on your own experience, what are some examples of ideas or actions that are part of the drug culture?
• Center for Disease Control
• rush
• cocktail
Center for Disease Control (CDC): an agency of the US Government, with headquarters and main laboratories in Atlanta, Georgia. The CDC conducts research into the origin and occurrence of diseases and develops methods for their control and prevention.
rush:
the first surge in sensation felt when smoking or injecting a drug, varying in length depending on the drug.
cocktail:

a beverage or solution made up of various drugs.
Read the following section from *The Truth About Drugs* booklet:

- “Our Drug Culture”
Discussion
Create a cartoon-type sketch that depicts some aspect of the drug culture. The sketch need not be humorous, but it should clearly show a belief, idea or action that is part of the drug culture. You may cut out illustrations from magazines if you wish, rather than draw them.