

VOCABULARY

***Cholesterol** – a substance found in blood, fat and most tissues of the body. (*Too much cholesterol can cause heart disease.*)

***Acetaminophen** – a drug used to reduce pain and fever

***Inadvertently** – by accident; unintentionally

***Blood clot** – a lump formed when blood dries or becomes thicker

***Exacerbate** – to make sth worse, especially a disease or problem

***Statin** – a drug people take to lower the level of cholesterol in their blood

COMPREHENSION CHECK

1. What happens when you combine a drug with another substance?
2. What are the different categories of drug interactions?
3. What could happen if you take blood thinners and aspirin together?
4. What could happen to someone if they combined cocaine and heroine?
5. What could potentially be the effect of combining grapefruit juice with a cholesterol-lowering drug?

The Dangers of Mixing Drugs

LET'S TALK

1. Do you take medicine without doctor's prescription? Why?
2. Do you ever take any medicine with another substance? *If Yes*, what drug interactions have you noticed?
3. Did you ever realize the potential dangers of taking any medication with another substance?
4. Do you think that one of the reasons people suffer from serious health problems is because of their improper practice of taking drugs?
5. What do you think should be done to avoid getting more ill?