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Medicines in My Home: Pre- and Post- Tests Answer Key

This post-test is to see what you have learned about the over-the-counter (OTC) medicine and the **Drug Facts** label.

1. Read each statement below. Check True, False, or Don't know for each statement.

	True	False	Don't know
a) Over-the-counter (OTC) medicine is so safe, I don't need to be careful about how I use it or how much of it I use.		X	
b) Anti-perspirants and some toothpastes are medicines.	X		
c) I need a note from my doctor to buy OTC medicine.		X	
d) A pharmacist can answer my questions about OTC medicine.	X		
e) When I use a liquid medicine I can measure the amount (dose) correctly it with a spoon from the silverware drawer.		X	
f) One gulp from a bottle is about 1 tablespoon of medicine.		X	
g) Medicine can change how my body works.	X		
h) Active ingredients are the parts of the medicine that make it work.	X		
i) An OTC medicine has a label that tells me how to use it safely.	X		
j) Just like some foods, medicines have expiration dates.	X		

2. From the list below, circle the items you can find on the label of an OTC medicine (*All of the following items are found on the label of an OTC medicine and should be circled.*)

- Ingredients
- "Do Not Use" warnings (all listed)
- Dose amount
- Web site for questions/comments
- "Ask a doctor or pharmacist before use" warnings
- Phone number for questions and comments
- Uses (what the drug treats)
- "While using this product" warnings
- Number of times the medicine can be used in a day
- Purpose of the medicine
- Directions for use
- Directions for storing the medicine

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3. Give three reasons why it is important to read all information on the package of the medicine.

Examples of correct answers include the following.

So that you know and understand:

- *What the active ingredient(s) is in your medicine*
- *What the medicine treats*
- *How much medicine is in a pill or teaspoon*
- *When you should not use a medicine at all*
- *When you should talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using a medicine*
- *How a medicine might make you feel when using it*
- *When you should stop using a medicine*
- *Things you should not do while taking a medicine*
- *To keep medicines out of reach of children*
- *How much medicine to use*
- *How often to use the medicine*
- *How to keep a medicine when you are not using it*
- *The inactive ingredients in the medicine*
- *How to contact the company for questions or more information*