

Getting the Facts Straight

About 72 percent of teens do not see a lot of harm in occasionally using e-cigarettes. Why do young people think vaping isn't harmful? Follow the instructions below to collect data from your classmates to learn what they think about the risks of vaping.

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Gather data about the dangers of tobacco use from reliable sources, including the FDA, the American Lung Association, the American Heart Association, and the National Academy of Sciences. Take note of what you want to learn, then keep track of your sources on a separate sheet of paper. Develop at least three questions from your research to ask your classmates about the risks of vaping. Then, record at least three facts that you have learned about the risks of vaping, and include the source.

SURVEY METHODS

- Survey subjects should be an accurate representation of the group you are investigating. If a group consists of various types of people, the interview subjects should reflect that diversity.
- Survey questions should be clearly worded and closed-ended, rather than open-ended (e.g., "How tall are you?" rather than "What is it like being tall?").
- Survey questions should be free of bias and avoid exposing the person you are interviewing to bias.

COLLECT DATA

Using the questions you developed, interview at least five classmates on their knowledge and use of e-cigarettes. After asking your questions, share three facts with your classmates about what you have learned based on your research. Jot down your questions here and collect responses on a separate sheet of paper.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

1. [Vaping Infographic](#)
2. [Youth Use of E-Cigarettes Infographic](#)
3. Surgeon General's "Know the Risks" Website <https://bit.ly/2h045nY>
4. CDC's "Electronic Cigarettes" Website <https://bit.ly/2y6XBug>
5. Surgeon General's Report on E-Cigarette Use Among Youth and Youth Adults <https://bit.ly/2IJ9Pm4>

PRESENT YOUR DATA

Create a presentation combining the data you have collected from your classmates with the research you have done from authoritative sources. Be sure to focus on the facts and present your research objectively. Your presentation may be an informational poster, a short documentary video, or a newspaper front page. Remember to cite your sources.