Recognizing the Symptoms

Drug addiction is treatable. The first step to getting help is admitting that a drug problem exists. Recognizing the symptoms is key. Place a plus sign (+) in the space to the left of the statement if it describes a symptom of a person likely using drugs. Place a zero (0) in the space if the statement is not necessarily a sign of drug abuse.

1. Dwayne always loved everything to do with baseball, including playing it, watching it, and collecting memorabilia. Yet, these days, his brother cannot convince him to even play catch.
2. Megan’s grade in algebra dropped from an A to a C in one marking period.
3. Caitlyn’s longtime friend confronts her to ask if she had a drug problem; Caitlyn laughs and denies it.
4. Jacob realizes he needs increasingly larger amounts of drugs to get high.
5. Jasmine is slowly losing weight.
6. Kirsten has dyed her hair black and begun dressing all in black.
7. Mike craves marijuana whenever his stepfather confronts him about grades.
8. Peter is bulking up bigger and faster than anyone else on the football team.
9. Sophie finds herself taking more drugs than she meant to, and using drugs at times and places she had not planned.
10. Will’s mom notices that money and jewelry have begun to go missing since Will started hanging out with a new group of friends.

Provide the following definitions on the spaces provided.

11. Describe tolerance.

12. Describe withdrawal symptoms.