Medicines in My Home: *Pre-test*

This pre-test is to see what you already know about over-the-counter (OTC) medicine. Do the best you can. This pre-test will not be graded.

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.			
b) Anti-perspirants and some toothpastes are medicines.			
c) I need a note from my doctor to buy OTC medicine.			
d) A pharmacist can answer my questions about OTC			
medicine.			
e) When I use a liquid medicine I can measure the amount			
(dose) correctly it with a spoon from the silverware drawer.			
 f) One gulp from a bottle is about 1 tablespoon of medicine. 			
 g) Medicine can change how my body works. 			
 h) Active ingredients are the parts of the medicine that make it work. 			
i) An OTC medicine has a label that tells me how to use it safely.			
j) Just like some foods, medicines have expiration dates.			

- 2. From the list below, circle the items you can find on the label of an OTC medicine.
 - 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