Biology Lesson 6: New Medicines					
Curriculum Key:	AQA core 11.3	OCR	RA B1	OCRB B1e	Edexcel topic 4
 Objective(s) 1. Describe and explain the reasons for testing new drugs 2. Explain the dangers of using drugs that have not been thoroughly tested. 			Resources needed: Teacher's notes and student information sheets. Card and laminator. Data projector and laptop.		
Starter: <i>5-10 minutes</i> Thalidomide task: Students read the interviews and in groups of 3 or 4 make a list of things that could have been done to prevent the effects. Be prepared to report back to the class.			Teacher input/assessment Distribute sheets. Organise role play if wished.		
Main Activity 1: 5-10 minutes Task 1 - Testing and using a new drug. In pairs, sort out the statements arranging them in chronological order.			Teacher input / assessment Distribute laminated cards.		
Main Activity 2: 5 minutes (optional) Task 2: Numbers of animals used in animal testing. This is just to assess students' awareness of the types of animals used. They have 5 minutes to 'guess' the order, then are given the answers.			Teacher input / assessment Distribute sheets/display OHT, then give answers.		
Main Activity 3: 5 minutes Task 3: Does animal testing work? Students are required to draw a table with two columns, one with the heading 'yes', the other with 'no' then decide whether the statement suggests that animal testing does or doesn't work.			Teacher input / assessment Circulate and query students' choices. Ask for their justification.		
Main Activity 4: 25-30 minutes Task 4: Animal testing - what are the alternatives? In small groups, students summarise some information then cascade to other groups.			Teacher input / assessment Check each group's summary. Move students on. <i>This needs close supervision.</i>		
Plenary: 5-10 minutes Task 5 (a) or (b): (a) Lower ability What makes a good new medicine? Students match the feature with the correct description. (b) Is animal testing morally right?		Teacher input / assessment Either could be done as a whole class activity by using an OHT.			
Learning Outcomes: All students must: Descri Most students should: Ex Some students could: Ou	plain the dangers of	using o	drugs that hav	ve not been thorou	ghly tested.
Key Skills: extracting, interpretation and display of informationKey words: animal testing, thalidomideHomework: Find out what the term placebo means and why it is used.			 Differentiation: More able: Should effectively teach other students in task 4 without intervention from the teacher. Less able: Should be guided by other students or teacher intervention. 		