

**PRUEBAS DE ACCESO A LA UNIVERSIDAD 2009  
MAYORES DE 25 AÑOS  
INGLÉS**

*Read the following text and answer the questions.*

**Asthma heroine branded “drug dealer”**

An American girl has been branded a drug dealer after going to the aid of a schoolmate who was suffering an asthma attack. Twelve-year-old Christine Rhodes, a student at her Maryland secondary school, is an asthmatic. Last April, while riding the school bus, Christine saw fellow student Brandy Dyer, also an asthmatic, began gasping for breath. Christine, **fearing** for Brandy's life, gave Brandy her inhaler.

However, school officials weren't pleased. The school's “zero tolerance” drug policy prohibits students from sharing medicine and because the incident **happened** on school property (a school bus), officials filed a report criticizing Christine for **violating** school drug regulations.

Christine insists that she was only **trying** to help her friend. *“The principal of my school told me that what I did was against school rules, giving drugs to another person”, she said. “I was really sad and I was crying because I thought the principal was trying to say that I shouldn't have helped her, that I should have let her stay there and almost die”.*

Asthma is thought to cause 2,000 deaths in the UK each year and Brandy believes she would not have survived the asthma attack if Christine had not come to her rescue. She said: *“If Christine had not given me that inhaler they told me at the hospital that I would have died. She saved my life and it is unfair that they are giving her these charges”.*

As a result of the school's decision, Christine is banned from taking part in school activities for three years and has been labelled a **drug dealer** on her school record. However, the school is facing **increasing** pressure to show leniency. Among those voicing their support is Brandy Dyer's mother, Donna. She said: *“It was an emergency situation and I feel that Christine did what she needed to do at the time and I would hope that she would do it again. We are hoping that the publicity we get will change this ruling”.*

**1. Are the following statements TRUE or FALSE? Copy from the text the lines that support your answer (5 points, 1 point each).**

- a. The incident happened when the students got off the bus.
- b. Around 2,000 people die from asthma in the UK every year.
- c. At the hospital, Brandy was told that she needn't have used the inhaler.
- d. For three years, Christine cannot go to school but she can participate in school activities.
- e. Donna, Brandy's mother, defends Christine's decision.

**2. Give short answers to these questions about the text (5 points, 1 point each).**

a. What did Christine do when she saw Brandy having breathing difficulties?

b. Why weren't school officials pleased?

c. Why was Christine upset after talking to the principal?

d. Why does Brandy think that it is unfair that Christine is punished?

e. What can be found in Christine's school record?

**3. Choose the best meaning for the following words or groups of words which appear in the text (5 points, 0,5 each).**

a. fearing for	being worried about	looking for	longing for
b. happened	reached	got	took place
c. violating	raping	breaking	underlining
d. trying	attempting	suffering	avoiding
e. crying	coughing	producing tears	shocked
f. almost	nearly	entirely	fast
g. unfair	not morally right	ugly	not funny
h. charges	shots	accusations	criticisms
i. drug dealer	drug consumer	drug addict	drug trafficker
j. increasing	reducing	leaning	growing

**4. Translate the first paragraph into Spanish (5 points).**