

Story telling

Taking new words and terminology and putting them into an easy to understand story in your own words may help you understand and recall new information more easily.

Opioid analgesics are categorised by their actions in binding to receptors and knowing their category can help ensure safe use of these important medications.

Who ruins a good party?

Imagine an opioid receptor as a celebrity at a party. You can choose any celebrity you like!

Everyone wants to speak to them but only some people get close to them and they all act differently to keep the celebrity to themselves.

Agonist – the hugger

A full agonist finds the celebrity and gives them a huge hug and asks for loads of selfies keeping the celebrity busy for some time.

Partial agonist – the hand shaker

A partial agonist isn't as friendly so it finds the celebrity but then just offers a handshake. While the partial agonist shakes hands the celebrity can't hug anyone or take any selfies for a short time.

Antagonist – the party pooper

The antagonist isn't interested in the celebrity but doesn't want anyone else to see the celebrity either so they just hang around in front of them blocking the view.