We have an internal endocannabinoid in our bodies called anandamide. This is the brain’s natural feel-good chemical, which naturally binds with our receptors. It is released after running, for example, which is often called the runner’s high. Anandamide is also found in chocolate!

THC and anandamide molecules aren’t exactly the same, but THC is close enough to TRICK THE BRAIN into letting it bind to the CB1 receptors! When THC gets into the brain, it interferes with our normal bodily functions. Teens who use marijuana may have attention deficits, memory loss, and impaired learning ability. When your brain is forming, marijuana use can change its structural development, causing changes in the prefrontal cortex. You want your brain to function and develop the way it’s supposed to!

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