Bidis are small brown cigarettes from India consisting of tobacco wrapped in a leaf tied with a thread. Kreteks are cigarettes containing tobacco and clove extract.

**Grades 6-8**
- Male middle students are more likely to have ever smoked kreteks than are female middle school students. (females: 3.0%, males: 4.0%)
- Male middle school students are more likely to have ever smoked bidis than are female middle school students. (females: 5.8%, males: 7.1%)
- Male middle school students are also more likely to currently smoke bidis than are male middle school students. (females: 2.9%, males: 4.8%)
- Middle school males are more than twice as likely to currently smoke pipe tobacco [not for ceremonial use] than are middle school females. (females: 2.4%, males: 5.5%)

**Grades 9-12**
- Male high school students are more likely to have ever smoked kreteks than are female high school students. (females: 3.7%, males: 6.0%)
- Male high school students are more likely to have ever smoked bidis than are female high school students. (females: 3.5%, males: 6.1%)
- High school males are more than twice as likely to currently smoke bidis. (females: 2.1%, males: 5.0%)
- High school males are twice as likely to currently smoke pipe tobacco than are high school females. (females: 2.7%, males: 6.1%)

**Bidi and Pipe Use**

Current use: smoked on at least one day during past month
Frequent use: smoked on at least 20 days during past month

Data Source: 2007 Oklahoma Youth Tobacco Survey (OYTS), Oklahoma State Department of Health.

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