

WJEC England Biology GCSE

3.1 - Health and disease

Flashcards

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Define health



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A state of complete physical, mental and social well-being (as defined by the World Health Organization, WHO)



What is the difference between communicable and non-communicable diseases?



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Communicable diseases are diseases that can be spread whereas non-communicable diseases cannot be spread



Give one example of a communicable disease



Give one example of a communicable disease

Flu (influenza)



Give one example of a
non-communicable disease



Give one example of a non-communicable disease

Cardiovascular disease



Why are people with HIV more likely to get cancer?



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HIV weakens the immune system and so the body is less able to fight off other viruses that may cause cancer



Why are people with diabetes at a higher risk of cardiovascular disease?



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High blood sugar caused by diabetes can damage the blood vessels supplying the heart, which can potentially lead to an increased risk of cardiovascular disease

