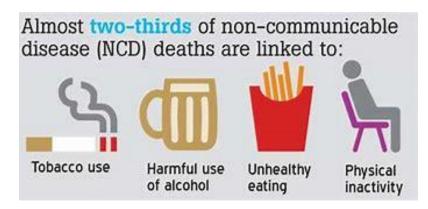
Biology Topic B7: Non-communicable diseases

10. Health issues	
Health	A state of physical and mental well-being
Disease	An abnormal condition that gives specific symptoms
Communicable disease	A disease which can be transferred
Non- communicable disease	A disease which can not be transferred
Lifestyle factors	Factors which can increase the chances of developing a non-communicable disease (eg smoking, diet, drugs, carcinogens)
Carcinogen	A substance which increases the risk of developing cancer
Cancer	A group of cells that divide uncontrollably
Benign tumour	A type of cancer contained within one area. It does not invade other parts of the body
Malignant tumour	A type of cancer which can invade other tissues and cause secondary tumours
Risk factor	Are aspects of a person's lifestyle have been linked to an increased risk of the disease
Correlation	A link of relationship between two factors
Causal mechanism	A causal mechanism explains how one factor influences another.









weakened immune system

Other carcinogens:

- UV light
- Radioactive materials
- X rays