



Drug addiction

What is an addiction?

- Psychological dependence
- Compulsive need for a drug (craving)
- Drug tolerance (need for increased amounts)
- No power to stop taking drugs
- Important social activities are given up



What are drugs?

- Substances which have an psychedelic or narcotic effect
- They are prohibited by law



Drugs with narcotic effects

- Cocaine, cannabis, heroin, opium



Drugs with psychedelic effects

- Meth, ecstasy, LSD



The addicts

<http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/national-geographic-channel/shows/drugs-inc/ngc-heroin-city/>



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Why are they so tempting?

- Pleasurable and relaxing effect
- Relieving tension
- Euphoric effect
- Opportunity to escape reality



Causes of addiction

- Fun, enjoyment, curiosity
- To get rid of stress, family problems, miseries, failures, tension
- Heighten sexual experience
- Lack of parental care and control
- Religious approvals



Bad effects of drug addiction

- Health problems
- Poverty
- Law violation
- Reduction in economic production
- Alienation



Measures to control addiction

- De-addiction and rehabilitation programmes
- Psychotherapy





Questionnaire

- Have you ever taken drugs?
Yes 37%
- Have you ever taken drugs more than once?
Yes 13%
- Would you say you are a drug addict?
No 100%



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