

Unit 6 Lesson 1

Mental Illness and dementia

Vocabulary

Definition

1. acute	serious and happening quickly
2. brain	the organ inside your head that controls how you think, feel, and move:
3. care plan	written plan for care of a resident
4. chronic	a disease or illness is one that continues for a long time and cannot be cured
5. confusion	when you do not understand what is happening or what something means because it is not clear
6. delirium	a state of temporary but acute mental confusion
7. dementia	loss of cognitive function (thinking, remembering, and reasoning) and social function caused by changes in the brain
8. degeneration	a condition that becomes worse
9. destruction	the act of damaging something
10. forgetfulness	not remembering things, people, facts
11. initiative	the ability to make decisions and take action without waiting for someone to tell you what to do:
12. long term	relating to what will happen in the distant future
13. neurological	related to the nervous system
14. onset	the beginning of something
15. personality	someone's character, especially the way they behave towards other people
16. rapid	very fast

17. reality	what actually happens or is true, not what is imagined or thought
18. reversible	a change that is reversible can be changed back to how it was before
19. short term	relating only to the period that is not very far into the future
20. side-effects	an effect that a drug has on your body in addition to curing pain or illness