In the first-box around the image below, write all the possible short-term effects of drinking that you can think of. Try to think of physical effects on the body and also wider risks. Then, in the outer box, write the long-term risks of alcohol misuse on an individual's health and life.

Long-term effects

Short-term effects



memory loss		
alcohol dependency	feeling and/or being sick	acne
drowsiness	alcohol poisoning	illnesses related to high blood pressure
regret or guilt about their behaviour	obesity	dizziness
cancer	feeling sociable	accidents and injuries due to falling over
diarrhoea	dental health issues	poor judgments and decisions
a 'hangover' the following day	embarrassment from doing something they wouldn't have usually done	dehydration
liver disease (cirrhosis)	headache	fertility issues
depression	lack of inhibitions	

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Some people think alcohol can help them forget their problems	Some people like the taste of alcohol	Alcohol is easily-available
Some people drink because their peers do and they want to fit in	Some songs, films/TV. programmes and sporting events promote drinking alcohol	Some people think alcohol is an important part of social events or celebrations
Some people think it makes them feel happy and confident	Some people think drinking alcohol makes them look cool and feel more grown-up	Some people drink alcohol because they think it will relieve stress