

# AT THE DOCTOR'S

I've sprained my ankle.

I'm a bit sunburnt.

I've got a bruise on my leg.

My eye has swollen up.

I've got a pain in my left shoulder.

I got stung by a bee.

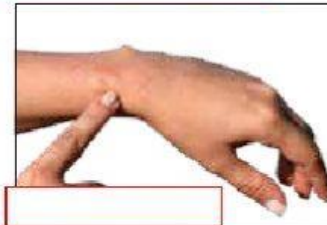
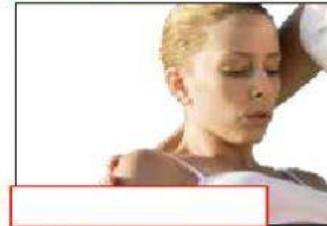
I've twisted my wrist.

I banged my head.

I've got a rash on my arm.

I've got a cut on my finger. I'm having trouble breathing.

I hurt my arm.



## More words

- **Temperature** – a normal body temperature is about 37°C.
- **Thermometer** – an instrument for measuring temperature.
- **Fever** – if you've got a "fever", your body temperature is high.
- **Pills** – small pieces of medicine that you swallow without chewing.
- **Medicine** – a substance that you drink or swallow to cure an illness.
- **Vomit / throw up** – when you "vomit", liquid/food comes out of your mouth.
- **Tummy bug** – an illness in your stomach caused by bacteria.
- **Headache** – a pain in your head.
- **Sore** – if your body is "sore", it hurts. Also, "ache": "My body is aching."
- **Fluids** – liquids such as water / orange juice, etc.
- **Prescription** – a piece of paper the doctor writes with information about the medicine you need.
- **Chemist's / pharmacy (US English)** – a shop where you can buy medicine.
- **Clinic** – a building where people go to see the doctor / receive medical advice, etc.
- **Diarrhoea** – if someone has "diarrhoea", liquid comes out of them when they go to the toilet.
- **Constipated** – if someone's "constipated", they can't go to the toilet.
- **Cold** – if someone has a "cold", they sneeze a lot (air/liquid comes out of their nose).
- **Cough** – an illness in which your chest or throat hurts.
- **Queasy / sick / nauseous** – if you're feeling "queasy", you feel as if you're going to vomit.
- **Dizzy** – if you feel "dizzy", you feel as if you're about to fall.
- **Flu** – an illness which is like a cold but more serious.
- **Blood pressure** – the amount of force with which your blood flows around your body.
- **Painkiller** – a medicine that stops pain.
- **Pulse** – the regular beating of blood through your body.
- **Infected** – an "infected" area of your body that has germs or bacteria on it.

## Dialogue: Consulting the doctor

Jack is at the doctor's. Listen once and complete the text with the correct words.

**Doctor:** So, what seems to be the problem?

**Patient:** Well, I haven't been feeling very well. I was vomiting a lot over the (1) \_\_\_\_\_. And I've got this terrible pain in my (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and a pretty bad headache. I think I've got some kind of tummy bug.

**Doctor:** Does your body feel sore?

**Patient:** Yes, it does.

**Doctor:** OK. I just need to take your (3) \_\_\_\_\_. [She takes his temperature.] Mmm... 38.5 – you've got a bit of a temperature. You need to drink plenty of fluids and stay in (4) \_\_\_\_\_ for the next 48 hours. You also need to take \_\_\_\_\_ hands him a prescription. You can get it in the chemist's. Just take one pill every six hours.

**Patient:** OK. Thanks a lot. Is there a chemist's near here?

**Doctor:** Yes, there's one right next to the (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Patient:** Great. Thanks a lot. Bye.

**Doctor:** Bye.

