

Health problems and illnesses

1. Complete the texts with the correct form of the words in the box. Use a dictionary if necessary.

cough • flu • pain • sore • temperature • virus



Karen isn't very well at the moment. She's got a very bad cold, or perhaps it's (a) _____. She (b) _____ all the time and so now she has a (c) _____.



Pete has a very high (d) _____, 39.5°C. He's got (e) _____ in his arms and legs. Perhaps it's a (f) _____ because a lot of people are ill at school at the moment.

2. Complete the sentences with the present perfect form of the verbs given.

- 1 I have decided (decide) to study medicine.
- 2 My friend _____ (meet) Dr Lucy Smith.
- 3 We _____ (study) the history of medicine in biology.
- 4 I _____ (not have) any bad accidents.
- 5 _____ your dad _____ (work) in a hospital?
- 6 My sister _____ (become) a nurse.

3. Put **ever** or **never** in the correct place in these sentences and questions.

- 1 Have you had hot soup to stop a cold? _____
- 2 I've felt sick in a car. _____
- 3 She's taken antibiotics. _____
- 4 Has your dad helped anyone in an accident? _____
- 5 Sam and I have written a story about doctors. _____
- 6 Have you done first aid?

4. Write questions with **ever** to ask your partner.

e.g. catch a cold? ► *Have you ever caught a cold?*

1 stay in bed because of flu? _____

2 have a very high temperature? _____

3 sleep in a hospital? _____

4 make soup? _____

5 take medicine that tastes really bad? _____

6 visit a friend in hospital? _____

7 break your arm? _____

8 watch a hospital drama on TV? _____

5. We make compound nouns by joining two nouns or an adjective and a noun. Join words from column A and column B to make compound nouns. Then match them with the correct definitions. Use your dictionary if necessary.

A

1 pain

2 heart

3 health

4 waiting

5 food

6 first

B

aid

room

centre

killer

attack

poisoning

Definition

a place where people wait, for example to see a doctor

b a medicine that reduces pain

c basic medical help that you give to someone when they have an accident

d a building where people can go to see a doctor or nurse

e when somebody has a lot of pain in their chest and their heart stops working

f an illness you get from eating food which contains harmful bacteria