

2 Read the list of words and their definitions.

blood: the red liquid that your heart pumps through your body  
cure: to make a sick person well again  
fever: when the body is sick and is hotter than normal  
flow: when a liquid (water, for example) moves steadily from one place to another  
patients: people who are getting medical treatment  
popular: liked by many people  
saliva: the liquid produced naturally in your mouth  
sore throat: when the throat is red and painful  
swelling: an area on your body that becomes larger than usual because of injury or sickness  
swollen: bigger than usual because of injury or sickness  
~~treat: to do something to a sick person to try to make him or her well again~~  
veins: the tubes that bring blood back to the heart from the rest of the body

Now use the words from the list to complete the short descriptions of home remedies.

1. Headache: In China, some people treat a headache with a coin (metal money). Hold the coin in your fingers and rub it back and forth across the forehead very hard. It will leave a red mark.
2. \_\_\_\_\_: The most common remedy for this problem is cool water. Put the sick person in a cool bath or wash the person gently with a cool cloth. Don't put the person in ice water. It could be bad for him or her.
3. Cold: Some people believe you can \_\_\_\_\_ a cold by drinking a lot of orange juice. Orange juice has a lot of vitamin C. This helps the body heal.
4. \_\_\_\_\_: One remedy for this problem is honey. Eat one big spoonful three times a day. Most children love this remedy. The honey is sweet, and it feels nice on the throat. In fact, older \_\_\_\_\_ like it, too!
5. Stomachache: A \_\_\_\_\_ remedy is ginger (a spice from a light brown root). Cook 4 ounces of ginger in 1 quart of water for 1 hour. Drink a glass three times a day.
6. Toothache: When you have a toothache, everything that goes in your mouth hurts. Even swallowing your own \_\_\_\_\_ can hurt. For hundreds of years, the most common remedy for a toothache was to drink a glass of whiskey and have your neighbor pull out the tooth. These days, people just go to the dentist.
7. Sprained ankle: A sprained ankle often gets \_\_\_\_\_. To bring down the \_\_\_\_\_, do two things. First, put a bag of ice on the ankle. The cold makes the \_\_\_\_\_ in the ankle get smaller. Put the ice on the ankle for no longer than 10 minutes every couple of hours. Second, put your foot up high. This helps the \_\_\_\_\_ back to the heart and makes the ankle go back to its normal size.

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