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Words you need...



► to sneeze



► to cough



► a headache



► (a) stomach ache



► (a) toothache



► to examine (someone)



► an operation



► medicine

- **cancer** a serious disease that happens when cells grow in a way that is not normal
- **a cold** a common illness that makes you sneeze and cough

- **a cough** an illness that makes you cough
- **flu** an illness like a very bad cold
- **a pain** an unpleasant feeling in a part of your body, usually caused by illness or an injury

UK / US  

If someone is not healthy, they are **ill** or **sick**.

Ill is used more often in UK English and **sick** is used more often in US English.

To be sick often means **to vomit** in UK English.

Exercise 1

Complete the sentences.

- 1 I ate too many green apples and I had a stomach ache afterwards.
- 2 My husband has a bad _____, and the noise kept me awake all night.
- 3 When he arrived at the hospital, a doctor _____ him.
- 4 His mother is suffering from skin _____.
- 5 Philip went to the dentist because he had _____.
- 6 If you are _____, you should see a doctor.
- 7 The room was dusty, and I started to _____.
- 8 It's annoying when people _____ during a concert.

Exercise 2

Choose the correct word to complete each sentence.

- 1 Amanda can't come to the movies with us – she's in bed [for/because/with] flu.
- 2 The doctor says I need to [have/do/make] an operation on my knee.
- 3 When I bend my arm, I have a pain [on/in/at] my elbow.
- 4 If you go out with wet hair, you will [find/catch/make] a cold.
- 5 This loud music is [making/causing/giving] me a headache.
- 6 The doctor says I must [eat/take/get] this medicine for two weeks.