

# Talking about health problems

## 1. Who's who? Write the names under the pictures.



A



D



E



G



H



I



J

1. Alan has a cut in his face.
2. John has a sore throat.
3. Harry has a cut in his hand.
4. Jack has a broken arm.
5. Michael has a fever.
6. Phil has a toothache.
7. Patrick has a stomachache.
8. Sergio has a headache.
9. Tim has a pain in his shoulder.
10. William has a broken finger.



B



C



F

## 2. Read the sentences next to the chart and complete: Suggestion (2), Ability, Possibility (2), Prohibition, Past Ability, Strong recommendation, Obligation

Modal verb	To express
Should	
Shall	Suggestion
May	Possibility
Might	
Can	
Could	
Must	
Must not	
Have to	

You **should** go to the doctor tomorrow.

**Shall** we **buy** Mary a hat?

He **may** **be** waiting for us at the airport.

John **might** **have** a cold. I am not sure.

I **can** **swim** but I **can't** **play** the piano.

I **could** **swim** when I was five years old.

You **must** **wear** a mask when you go out.

You **mustn't** **drive** a car without a license.

You **have to** **study** harder!

3. Look at these health problems. Match the problem with the advice.

PROBLEMS

1. A toothache
2. A backache
3. A sore throat
4. A headache
5. A cold
6. A cough
7. A fever

ADVICE / SUGGESTION

- a. Take some aspirin.
- b. Go to bed and rest.
- c. Dress light clothing
- d. See the dentist.
- e. Drink warm liquids.
- f. Take some vitamin C.
- g. See the doctor.



4. According to your match write sentences using “**should**” and invent one with “**shouldn’t**”.

- a) When you have a toothache, you **should** see the dentist and you **shouldn’t** eat any candies.....
- b) .....
- c) .....
- d) .....
- e) .....
- f) .....
- g) .....

5. Paraphrase the sentences with MAY/ MIGHT to express POSSIBILITY.

- a) Perhaps Bob is at home but I'm not sure.

Bob *might* be at home.

- b) Try this delicious drink: perhaps you will like it.

- c) Perhaps there is a chance for Tom to win the match.

- d) Perhaps Peter has a cold.

- e) Don't call Jane. Perhaps she is preparing for exams.

- f) If they don't miss the train they will arrive on time.

Remember that the verb next to a modal verb is in the **base form** (be, go etc.).



6. Complete with CAN/ CAN'T / COULD / COULDN'T.

- a) When Larry was a young man, he \_\_\_\_\_ run fast.

- b) She \_\_\_\_\_ walk because she has broken her leg.

- c) My father is very talented. He \_\_\_\_\_ paint very well.

- d) When Susan was three years old, she \_\_\_\_\_ read and write.

- e) Birds \_\_\_\_\_ fly but tigers can't.