

# 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.

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| <b>A</b>  |
| 1 pain    |
| 2 heart   |
| 3 health  |
| 4 waiting |
| 5 food    |
| 6 first   |

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| <b>B</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