

I can talk about illness

A Common problems

What's the matter?

I don't feel well.

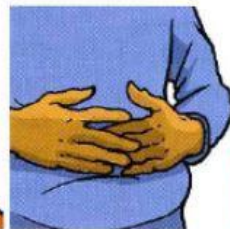
I've got...



a headache



toothache



stomach-ache



a cold



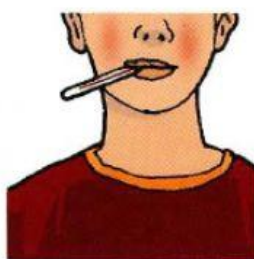
a cough



a sore throat



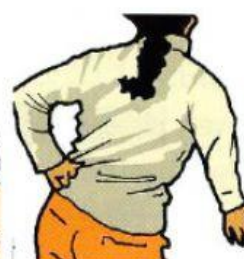
flu



a temperature



a pain in my leg
also my leg hurts



backache



I feel sick

1 Circle the correct answer.

► I'm/I've got a temperature.

1 My back pain/hurts.

2 I feel/I've got a cold.

3 He doesn't feel/be well.

4 I feel/I've got toothache.

5 Do you feel/be sick?

6 My knee feels/hurts.

7 He's got flu/a flu?

8 Is/Has she got a temperature?

9 I hurt/I've got a pain in my eye.

10 Is/Has she got a temperature?

11 She is/s got a sore throat.

12 I don't feel/haven't got a cough.

spotlight be ill/sick

Ill means 'not well'.

*Rafa's not here today; he's **ill**.*

Be sick usually means to bring up food from your stomach (also **vomit**).

If you **feel sick**, you think you are going to **be sick**.

2 Complete the sentences.

► I had to stand up for ten hours; now I've got backache.

1 She has always smoked a lot, and now she's got a bad _____.

2 He's got a _____ – look, it's 39 degrees.

3 I walked 20 kilometres today, and my feet _____.

4 What's the _____? You look terrible. ~ I don't feel _____.

5 I ate too much at lunch and now I've got _____.

6 My little boy had four ice creams and now he feels _____.

7 I've got a temperature and a terrible headache. I think I've got _____.

8 I can't eat anything; I've got a sore _____.

B What should I do? 🎧



Glossary

go and see go to, visit

GP (General Practitioner) family doctor

chemist's shop where you get medicine (also pharmacy)

lie down



for a while for a short time

stay in bed go to bed and not get up

for a day or two for a short time (not more than three days)

spotlight *should* + verb

You use **should** when you tell people what you think is the best thing for them to do. **Should** is used for giving advice.

*I feel terrible. ~ You **should** go to bed. You **shouldn't** go to work today.*

There are more practice exercises on the CD-ROM.

4 Cross out one word you don't need in each sentence.

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| ▶ I don't feel me very well. | 5 Go to bed for a day or two days. |
| 1 You should to go to the chemist's. | 6 You should go and to see your doctor. |
| 2 Go and lie you down for a while. | 7 You shouldn't don't go to work today. |
| 3 Go and see your GP doctor. | 8 Lie down for the a while. |
| 4 Stay in the bed and don't do anything. | |

5 Write some advice to people using *should* and the word in brackets.

- ▶ I've got a cold. (chemist's) You should go to the chemist's.
- 1 I've got backache. (lie) _____
- 2 My ear hurts. (pharmacy) _____
- 3 I've got a sore throat, a cough and a temperature. (stay) _____
- 4 I feel sick. (while) _____
- 5 I've got flu. (GP) _____