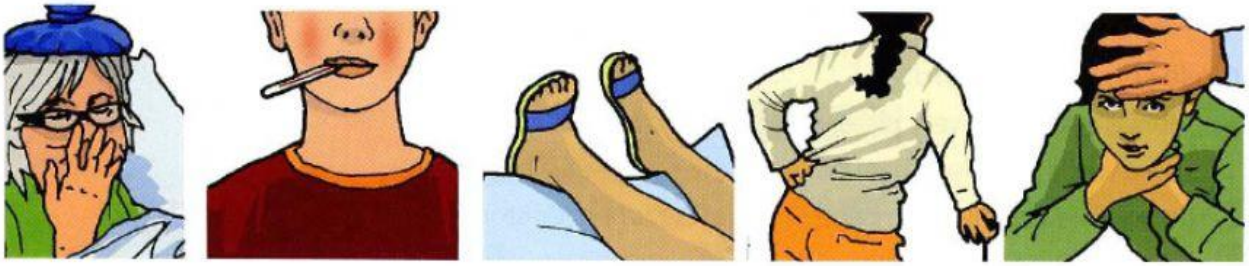
I can **talk about illness**

A Common problems



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/'ve got a cold.
3. He doesn't feel/be well.
4. I feel/'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/'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*

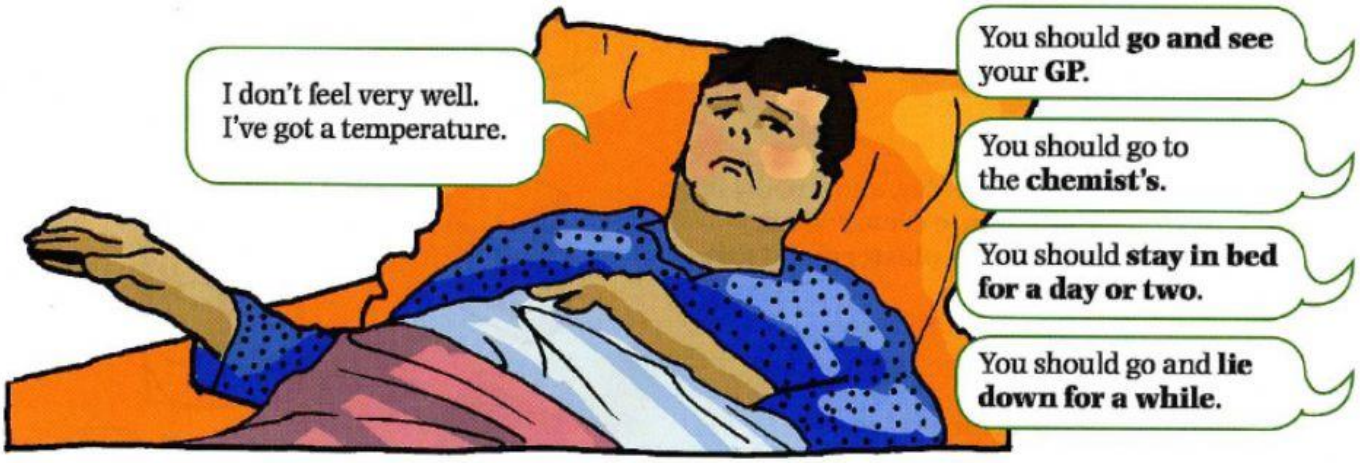
Ill means 'not well'.
Rafa's not here today; he's ***ill****.*
Be sick usually means to bring up food from your stomach (also **vomit**).
If you **feel sick**, you think you are going to **be sick**.

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 _____.

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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.

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

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) _____

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