

Common Health Problems



♥ Dialogue

A. Have you seen bill recently?

B. Yes. He's in hospital with a bad back. One morning, he just couldn't get out of bed. His wife called an ambulance and they took him to hospital. He's been there for a few days now.

A. Daisy's in hospital too. She got food poisoning last week. She thinks she got it from some bad seafood.

B. You have to be very careful with seafood. It tastes lovely, but it often causes upset stomachs. Have you heard anything from Tom?

A. He's fine, but he had a fever last week. He probably just had a cold.

B. He might be allergic to pollen. My niece is allergic to pollen. It seems like she has a cold, but in fact it's her allergy.

A. I see. My niece just flew back from Australia to visit. She's got jetlag now. She's just resting today, but we'll probably go out somewhere tomorrow.

B. It's nice that she's back for a while. Thinking of all these ailments, I got a splinter the other day. It took a longtime for me to get it out of my skin. Look.

A. Oh, your hand is still sore. You should put some ointment on it to stop the swelling.



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B. That's a good idea. You've got a nasty bruise on your hand.

A. Yes, I banged it against the cooker yesterday. It really hurt, but it's OK now. The bruise will disappear soon.

♥ Useful Expressions

1. I'd better take you to see the doctor.
2. How did you get that bruise on your leg?
3. If I'm better this afternoon, can I go to school?
4. His wife called an ambulance and they took him to hospital.
5. It taste lovely, but it often cause upset stomachs.
6. It really hurt, but it's OK now.

♥ Vocabularies

Pill-

Something unpleasant or offensive that must be tolerated or endured

Example:

"his competitor's success was a bitter pill to take"

Rash-

Marked by defiant disregard for danger or consequences

Example:

"a rash attempt to climb Mount Everest"

Doctor-

A licensed medical practitioner

Example:

"I felt so bad I went to see my doctor"

Bruise-

Injure the underlying soft tissue or bone of

Example:

"I bruised my knee"

Sore-

Hurting

Example:

"the sore spot on his jaw"



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