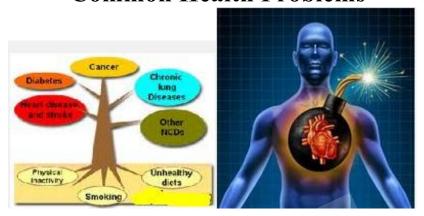
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Common Health Problems



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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English Teachers On Call

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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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