



DISEASE

Discussion

Basic questions

1. Do you worry about diseases?
Yes, I do.. / No, I don't...
2. What do you think the deadliest disease in the world is?
I think the deadliest disease is...
3. What are the most common causes of diseases?
The most common causes of diseases are...
4. Are there ever any outbreaks of diseases in your country?
Yes there are... / No, there aren't...
5. What is the best way to stop diseases from spreading?
The best way is to...

Extended Questions

1. What diseases do you worry about getting in your old age?
The diseases I worry about getting....
2. What childhood diseases did you get?
I got....in childhood
3. Is there any history of disease in your family?
Yes there is...
4. Have you ever had any vaccinations against diseases?
Yes I had... / No, I never had...

VOCABULARY

1. **Acute** /ə'kyoot/
(adjective) present or experienced to a severe or intense degree.
Ex.: He had had a short illness, there had been a brief time of acute suffering, then all was over.
2. **Genetic** /jə'nedik/
(adjective) relating to genes or heredity.
Ex.: Genetics may explain why Stella and her sisters have the same disease.
3. **Off-sick**
(noun phrase) not work because of having an illness
Ex.: I took the day off-sick yesterday, because I wasn't feeling well.

Useful Expressions

1. **Phone in sick - to telephone the place where you work in order to give a message**

Ex.: Kevin's just phoned in sick, so he won't be at the meeting.

2. **Feeling ill - becoming unwell; angry feelings between people**

Ex.: I had to walk out because I was feeling ill with their criticisms.

3. **Shake a disease or illness off – to fight off a disease**

Ex.: I hope I can shake off this fever soon.

4. **Desperate diseases must have desperate remedies – doing something that you do not ordinarily do to solve the problem.**

Ex.: She is determined to find solutions. As she said, desperate diseases must have desperate remedies.

5. **foot-in-mouth disease – to say the wrong thing at the wrong time**

Ex.: The boss has foot-in-mouth disease again.

DIALOGUE EXERCISE

Practice the dialogue with your coach!

Calling in Sick

Jamey: Hello. Austen Associates.

Charlie: Hey Jamey. It's Charlie here.

Jamey: Hi Charlie. Why didn't you come to work today?

Charlie: I'm sorry. I'm quite sick. I couldn't make it.

Jamey: Oh! So you are calling in sick!

Charlie: Yes. Can you please tell Mr. Austen that I called?

Jamey: Sure. You take care, Charlie. I'll see you when you get better.

Charlie: Thanks, Jamie.