

11 What's the matter?

There are many different ways to say you're sick. You often use the negative, "not well," to talk about general illness, and "hurts," "ache," or "pain" for specific problems.

⚙️ **New language** Health complaints

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🧩 **New skill** Saying what's wrong

11.1 KEY LANGUAGE SAYING YOU'RE NOT FEELING WELL

To say what's wrong, use the verb "to be" with "well," "sick," or "ill." You can also use "to be" with "feeling" and an adverb to show the problem continues and to explain how bad it is.

Are you okay?



Negative form.

No, I'm **not very well**.

Use verb "to be" with present continuous to say the problem is ongoing.

No, I'm **not feeling very well**.

Use "don't" and "doesn't" with the base form of "to feel."

No, I **don't feel very well**.

In UK English, "I'm feeling sick" or "I feel sick" mean you might vomit.

No, I'm **sick**.

No, I feel **ill**.

"Ill" is more often used in UK English. "Sick" is more common in US English.

No, I'm feeling **ill**.



11.2 REWRITE THE SENTENCES CORRECTING THE ERRORS

Hilary not feeling well. She's at the doctor.

Hilary's not feeling well. She's at the doctor.

3 I **is** sick, so I'm not going to work.

1 My brother isn't **feel** very well this morning.

4 Ayshah **doesn't** feeling well, so she's going home.

2 George **are** sick, so he's staying in bed today.

5 Luca and Ben **isn't** feeling well today.



11.3 KEY LANGUAGE HEALTH PROBLEMS

Use "have" and "has" with "ache," "pain," and "broken" to say what's wrong. You can also say which part of the body "hurts."

Use "have" with "broken."

I have a **broken** foot.
My foot **hurts**.

Use a part of the body with "hurts" to say where the pain is.

Use "in" with "pain" to say where it hurts.

I have a **pain** in my head.
I have a **headache**.

Headache is one word.



11.4 FURTHER EXAMPLES HEALTH PROBLEMS

She has a **stomach ache**.



Susan's leg **hurts**.



You can use "got" in UK English to say what is wrong.

I've **got** a **broken arm**.



Jo has a **pain** in her back.



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11.5 FILL IN THE GAPS USING THE WORDS IN THE PANEL



I have a bad headache.

1



Mary's back _____.

2



John has a _____ leg.

3



I've got a _____ in my finger.

4



She has a terrible _____.

headache toothache pain broken hurts



11.6 MARK THE SENTENCES THAT ARE CORRECT

She has a broken leg.



She have a broken leg.



1

I have a pain in my arm.



I am a pain in my arm.



2

John has got an earache.



John has got a earache.



3

He has a head hurt.



His head hurts.



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Aziz has got a pain in his back.



Aziz has got a pain on his back.



11 CHECKLIST



Health complaints ☐



Body parts and pain phrases ☐



Saying what's wrong ☐