

# 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

 **Aa Vocabulary** Body parts and pain phrases

 **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.

Negative form.

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

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

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

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

**Are you okay?**

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

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



**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.

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

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

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

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

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."

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**.



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.



Mary's back \_\_\_\_\_.



John has a \_\_\_\_\_ leg.



I've got a \_\_\_\_\_ in my finger.



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.



④ Aziz has got a pain in his back.



Aziz has got a pain on his back.



### 11 CHECKLIST

Health complaints

**Aa** Body parts and pain phrases

Saying what's wrong