

> A. Ask your partner the following questions.

1. Have you ever been to hospital?
2. Have you ever been in an ambulance?
3. Have you ever broken any bones? How?
4. Have you ever burnt yourself? How?
5. How do you feel at the sight of blood?
6. What's your blood group?
7. How do you feel about having injections?
8. Are you allergic to any drugs, e.g. penicillin?

> B. Fill the gaps below with the following words.

sprain first aid kit crutches plaster sling (plaster) cast bruise  
faint stitches scar blood donor

1. A ..... is a mark on your skin, often a white line, where the skin healed after a deep cut.
2. A ..... is a box which contains medical equipment which is useful in an emergency.
3. If you break a bone in your leg the doctor sets the leg in a .....which stays on for about six weeks.
4. If you cut yourself you put a .....on the cut to protect it.
5. A ..... is someone who donates some of their own blood to help people who have lost too much blood.
6. If you have a deep cut a doctor needs to close it with .....
7. If you hurt your arm or shoulder you may need to rest your arm in a .....
8. You ..... when you lose consciousness because your brain isn't getting enough oxygen.
9. A ..... is a mark on your skin which appears after bumping against something hard. The skin changes colour from blue or purple to red and yellow over a few days.
10. You ..... your wrist or ankle when you twist it too far.
11. You use a pair of ..... to help you walk if you have hurt one of your legs or feet.

> C. Ask your partner the following questions.

1. Have you ever sprained your wrist? How? Did you wear a sling?
2. Do you have a first-aid kit at home, or in the car? Have you ever given anyone first aid?
3. Can you name four things usually found in a first aid kit?
4. Would you like to be a trained first aider?
5. Are you a blood donor? Would you like to give blood? Why (not)?
6. Have you ever fainted, or felt faint? Why? What happened?
7. Do you have any scars? How did you get them?
8. Have you ever had a cut which needed stitches? How many stitches did you have?
9. Have you ever needed crutches? Why? How long did you need them for?
10. Have you ever worn a plaster cast? Why? What happened? Did your friends write on it?
11. Do you bruise easily? How long does it take for your bruises to heal, usually?
12. When you need to take a plaster off, do you pull it slowly, or rip it off quickly?

> D. Discuss the difference between the words in each group below.

pain hurt injure ache

treat cure heal

> E. Choose the correct word in the sentences below.

1. What would you do if you had a sudden pain/ache in your abdomen?
2. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much does it hurt/ache when you are being given an injection in your arm?
3. If you stay on your feet all day (in comfortable shoes), do your feet hurt/ache in the evening?
4. Have you ever stepped on something sharp and hurt/injured your foot? When? Where?
5. Have you ever worn shoes which were too tight and hurt/injured your feet?
6. Have you ever hurt/injured someone emotionally?
7. What would you do to help people who had been hurt/injured in an accident?
8. Do you think paramedics should deal with the hurt/injured at the scene of the incident or just stabilise the patient and take them to hospital?
9. When you have a cold or flu, what medication do you take to treat/cure it?
10. In your opinion, how likely is it that scientists will find a treatment/cure for the common cold?
11. To what extent do you agree that sometimes the treatment/cure is worse than the disease?
12. If you have a small cut on your hand, do you go to the doctor or wait for it to heal/cure by itself?
13. Do you believe that alternative therapies, such as acupuncture, can heal/cure addiction to alcohol, nicotine, etc.?
14. Do you believe that some people have healing/curing hands?

> F. Ask your partner the questions in > E.