

EPISODE 47
LEVEL A1.2/A2.1

READING COMPREHENSION



HEALTH PROBLEMS ON HOLIDAY

I think I may have some health problems during my holiday, so I'm going to prepare for them carefully. It is normal that you get some cuts or **bruises** (= places where your skin is dark because you hit yourself there), but people can be seriously **injured** (= can have health problems caused by some kind of an accident), too. I will almost certainly take some **plasters** (= a piece of fabric which you use when you cut yourself) and **bandages** (= a long, narrow piece of fabric which you use when you cut yourself really badly) with me. If you go backpacking, it is very easy to **hurt yourself** (= something bad happens and then you feel pain). You can **twist your ankle** (= your ankle gets turned very hard to one side, but not broken). Your ankle gets **swollen** (= a symptom, your ankle is bigger than usual, dark in color) and it can be really **painful** (= it aches).



More contexts for the new words:

- He **sprained** his ankle during his trip to Warsaw.
(= he seriously twisted his ankle)
- She was **badly bruised**, but nothing serious happened to her.
(= She had many bruises, but she was ok apart from that.)



EXERCISE 1

Complete the conversation with the missing letters.

Alice: Becky, are you all right?

Becky: I think I'm all right. I fell down the stairs. But I think I only have this big blue (1) b _ _ _ _ e on my knee. I don't think I have (2) h _ _ t myself seriously.

A: Look! You've also got a cut on your forehead! Let's put some (3) p _ _ _ _ _ r on it.

B: My forehead doesn't hurt. But my ankle is really (4) p _ _ n _ _ _ .

A: Oh no, it's getting bigger and bigger. It's really (5) _ _ _ ll _ _ . I hope you haven't (6) _ w _ s _ _ _ or broken it. What shall we do?

B: Let's put some ice on it, and then some (7) _ _ _ _ _ g _ to keep it together, and we'll go to hospital.



EXERCISE 2

Match the question halves, then answer the questions. What happened in each of the situations?

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| 1. When did you last hurt | a. yourself? |
| 2. Do you know anyone who has been seriously | b. swollen? |
| 3. When did you last have something | c. injured? |

ENGLISH IN USE



What are we going to talk about today? About the future, of course! This is our sentence for today:

I will almost certainly take some plasters.

If you use "almost certainly" in such a sentence, you are nearly 100% sure, you will do it. Look at some other sentences with "almost certainly"

I will almost certainly buy this house.

I will almost certainly live abroad in the future.

IDIOM CLOSE-UP



A/ How are you, Jess?

B/ Not good. I've been feeling a bit **UNDER THE WEATHER** this week.

If you **feel under the weather**, you don't feel well.

PHRASAL VERBS CLOSE-UP



1. If you **GO DOWN WITH** an illness, you get an illness.

*Five people in my office **have gone down with** the flu.*

*I really don't want to **go down with** a cold this year.*

2. The opposite is to **GET OVER** an illness. It means 'to recover.'

*It can take a few weeks to **get over** an illness like that.*

*Sheila was only just **getting over** the flu when she got a stomach bug.*



EXERCISE 3

Complete each of the gaps with one word. Use the phrasal verbs/idioms you've learnt.

1. Half of Jane's class has gone down flu.
2. I'm feeling a bit under the - I think I've caught a cold.
3. It took him years to get the shock of his wife dying.

NEWS 

COACH CRASH

Three people were killed, and seventeen injured in a **coach** crash which took place last Monday on a German **motorway**. The **death toll** includes two Poles. All of the passengers were on their way to a popular tourist resort in Germany. Investigation into the causes of the accidents is under way. Some early **stipulations** say that the driver might simply have fallen asleep at a steering wheel. Preliminary findings suggest that he had been driving nonstop for almost twenty hours. The German authorities are in the process of informing the families of the victims.

GLOSSARY

- a **coach** – a long-distance bus
- a **motorway** – a highway; a road where you can travel very fast
- **death toll** – number of people killed
- **stipulations** – suggestions

KEY TO EXERCISES

Ex.1

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| 1. bruise | 1. a |
| 2. hurt | 2. c |
| 3. plaster | 3. b |
| 4. painful | |
| 5. swollen | |
| 6. twisted | |
| 7. bandage | |

Ex.3

1. with
2. weather
3. over

Ex.2