



Running a Fever

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Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

fever	A very high body temperature.
[noun]	<i>Ex: She caught a fever and had to stay home.</i>

physician	A medical doctor.
[noun]	<i>Ex: The physician is ready to see you now.</i>

thermometer	A piece of equipment that is used to measure temperature.
[noun]	<i>Ex: A thermometer measures temperature.</i>

immune system	The organs and processes in the body that protect against disease and illness.
[noun]	<i>Ex: If you have a weak immune system, you will easily get ill.</i>

boost	Help or encourage (something) to increase or improve.
[verb]	<i>Ex: It's important to boost tourism.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

Grace: Hi, Joe! How are you feeling today?

Joe: Not feeling well. I have a fever, I took my temperature with a thermometer.

Grace: And? What was your temperature?

Joe: It was 39 degrees centigrade.

Grace: Oh, you're really sick. Did you take any medicine?

Joe: Yes, I did. My mom is going to take me to the hospital to see a physician.



Grace: You should drink some fruit juice and plenty of water to boost your immune system.

Joe: Thank you so much for your concern, Grace. I really appreciate it.

Grace: Anytime. I will cook vegetables for you. Eating vegetables is good for your health, too.

Joe: You are so kind, Grace. I might not be able to go to school tomorrow. Could you please tell the teacher?

Grace: Sure! I will. Get well soon, Joe!

Joe: Thank you again!



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

Answer Pool

boost
physician
immune system
thermometer
fever

1. My _____ is getting weaker.
2. My _____ got worse yesterday.
3. I checked my body temperature with a _____.
4. As her fever got worse, it was clear she needed to see a _____.
5. More money is needed to _____ the industry.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

Scene: You are not feeling well, talk with your physician about it. The teacher can be the physician.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. What do you do to keep yourself healthy?
2. How do you take care of your friends and family when they get sick?
3. Did you like eating vegetables when you were a kid?
4. Do you usually take medicine when you feel sick?
5. Do you know what causes a fever? Can you list some reasons?