

I. Discuss these statements with your group. Tell if you agree or disagree with the statement. Place a check beside the statements that everyone in the group agrees on.

1. Governments should provide a first class health service that is free to everyone.
2. Doctors are paid too much.
3. People who have damaged their health through smoking, drinking or overeating, should have to pay a higher insurance premium than those with a healthy lifestyle.
4. HIV testing should be compulsory for everyone.
5. Acupuncture and yoga should be paid for by insurance.
6. Doctors overprescribe antibiotics.
7. All preventative care should be free.
8. Everyone should be required to buy health insurance.

Word of the Day: Depression

a-a mental state in which someone feels unhappy and has no energy or enthusiasm

b-a time when there is little economic activity which results in unemployment and poverty

c-an area on the surface which is lower than the parts surrounding it

When we are suffering from a mental depression, we can say we're in a *funk* or our *spirits are low*. We might feel *dejected* and *disheartened*.

A slang word for an economic depression is a *slump*. In a slump stock prices fall. The *Great Depression* was a period during the 1930's when there was worldwide depression and unemployment. Stock prices fell very low. Many people were out of work.

A surface depression that is bowl shaped is a *crater*. A meteorite makes a crater. A narrow depression like the one between ocean waves is a *trough*.

II. Students: practice your descriptive skills by explaining the difference between the two items

What is the difference between:

- a) wheelchair and crutches
- b) doctor and surgeon
- c) to cure and to heal
- d) to admit and to discharge
- e) a wound and a disease
- f) gauze and bandaid
- g) splint and cast
- h) tweezers and clippers
- i) choking and coughing
- j) paramedic and policeman
- k) a fracture and a sprain

III. Use this word bank to fill in the blanks in the sentences.

remission	symptoms	unconscious	antidote
diagnosis	incision	pulse	hypochondriac
benign	coronary	migraine	malignant

1. If you are asymptomatic, you have no \_\_\_\_\_.
2. An \_\_\_\_\_ is a remedy.
3. If a tumor is \_\_\_\_\_ it is harmless. If it is \_\_\_\_\_ it is cancerous.
4. After the doctor examines you, he will give the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A \_\_\_\_\_ is someone abnormally worried about their health and often believes they are ill.
6. You can count your heartbeats by feeling your \_\_\_\_\_ at your wrist.
7. During surgery, the doctor makes a cut or \_\_\_\_\_ in your body.
8. If you are in a coma, you are \_\_\_\_\_.
9. If all your symptoms disappear, you are in \_\_\_\_\_.
10. A really intense headache might be a \_\_\_\_\_.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ disease is another name for heart disease.