

Unit 6 Health Issues

■ The outbreak of COVID-19

The 2019 novel coronavirus was first detected in Wuhan, China in December 2019. The novel coronavirus outbreak has drawn increased international attention as the virus quickly spreads across the world. As of today, over 79.7 million confirmed cases have been reported worldwide, and the global death toll has topped 1.74 million. This brand-new virus can be transmitted between humans through droplets and contact. People **infected** with COVID-19 may have the symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of **breath**. It's said that the virus is infectious during its incubation period. If you want to reduce your risk of being infected with this **disease**, wear a surgical mask when you go to crowded public spaces. Governments are implementing measures such as isolation and quarantine to contain the coronavirus. We could take precautions to **prevent** infection, such as washing hands regularly and avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth.

1 infect (v) 傳染

Ex. All the computers in the office were infected by the same virus.

word family:

- She has an infectious grin.
- Poor hygiene can increase the danger of infection.

word roots: 表「行為動作」fect, fact, fic =
manufacture (hand+make+n)
artificial (skill+make+adj)

2 breath (n) 呼吸

Ex. The beauty of the Blue Mosque took my breath away.

word family:

- The nurse told me to breathe in deeply and then **breathe out** slowly.
- After skiing for a few hours, we took the skis off and had a breather.
- The disease in her lungs made breathing very painful. [U]
- The old man was breathless after climbing the stairs.

3 disease (n) 疾病 慢性病：_____

Ex. They might **pass on** the disease **to** their children.

synonyms:

- People often go to their doctor about relatively **minor ailments**.

- The family have a history of **blood disorder**.

collocations:

_____	a disease
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_____	disease
a _____	disease
a _____	disease
a(n) _____	disease

4 prevent (v) 避免

Ex. A block in the pipe was preventing the water **from** coming through.

word family:

- Prevention is better than cure.
- If drivers could be more careful, this type of accident is preventable.
- While traveling abroad, take **preventive measures** to avoid illness.

■ What does the doctor **prescribe**?

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| <p>a) Take one tablet three times a day after meals.</p> <p>b) Take a teaspoonful of medicine <u>last thing at night</u>.</p> <p>c) Rub this ointment on you and don't spend too long in the sun without sun block.</p> <p>d) We'll get the nurse to put a bandage on your wrist.</p> <p>e) You'll need to <u>have some injections</u> before you go to the Amazon.</p> <p>f) I'll ask the surgeon when he can fit you in for an operation.</p> <p>g) You'll have to have your leg put in plaster until the break mends.</p> <p>h) I think you should have total bed rest for a week.</p> |
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5 **prescribe** (v) 開處方

Ex. The doctor may be able to prescribe you something for the stomachache.

word family: **cf.**

- The doctor should give you a **repeat prescription**.

<p>word roots: 表「行為動作」 scribe, script =</p> <p>subscribe (under+write)</p> <p>transscribe (across+write)</p> <p>manuscript (hand+write)</p> <p>postscript (after+write)</p>
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6 surgeon (n) 外科醫生

Ex. A surgeon is a doctor who's specially trained to perform medical operations.

word family:

➤ The patient underwent surgery on his heart.

word focus: hospital

- 醫學中心：
- 精神病院：
- 診所：
- 安寧病房：
- 安養院：
- 病房：
- 藥局：
- 急診室：

7 operation (n) 手術

Ex. A very experienced heart surgeon will perform the operation.

word family:

- The family runs a small farming operation.
- The new production plant went into operation last month.
- The new airport should be fully operational by next year.
- The machine can operate at high speeds.
- Call the operator for the phone number.

■ Safety at work

In order to prevent **injuries** and fatalities at work, employers are required by law to provide a safe work environment. Government agencies set guidelines that regulate the number of fire extinguishers, fire doors, fire escapes, and emergency exits that must be available in a workplace. Workplaces should also comply with rules about the number of first aid kits, the use of hard hats, safety goggles, ear plugs, and other safety **equipment** and the quality of the ventilation system. If there are flammable or hazardous materials in the building, they should be in **suitable** containers. Management should inform their employees about the safety risks of slippery floors or dangerous gases.

8 injury (n) 傷害

Ex. The truck driver suffered injuries **to** his head and arms.

word family:

- Several passengers were seriously injured in a car crash.

- Too much alcohol is injurious **to** the health.

9 equipment (n) 設備

Ex. All of the medical equipment must be sterilized before use.

word family:

- They spent lots of money equipping the rooms **with** video cameras.
- The school must equip new teachers **to** deal with difficult children.

10 suitable (a) 合適的 **OPP:**

Ex. The exercise is very suitable **for** back pain sufferers.

word family:

- Whatever your reason for borrowing, the bank has the loan that suits your **needs**.
- Betty wore a black suit for the interview.
- With his qualifications and experience, he would seem to be ideally suited **for** the job.

■ **Prefixes (字首)**

I Verb prefixes: un- and dis- with the meaning 'not'

un happy	dis appear
in correct	dis agree
im possible	dis believe
il legal	un dress
ir regular	un wrap