

24 Injuries

1 Basic vocabulary

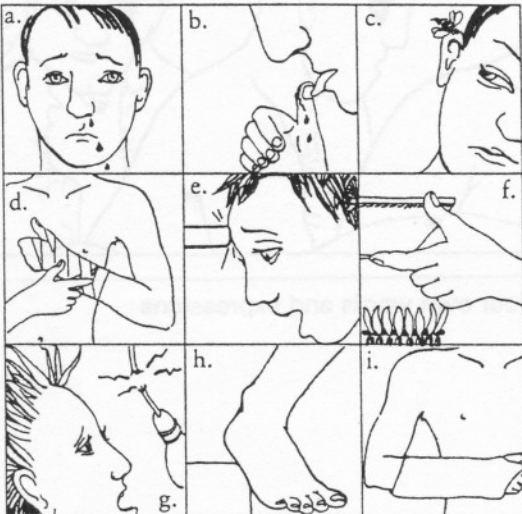
Translate the words in colour:

1. There was **blood** all over the place.
2. Do you **bleed** easily?
3. The operation only left a small **scar**.
4. The **bruise** will disappear in a few days.
5. Are you **in pain**?
6. Look where the cat **scratched** me.
7. His **injuries** are all fairly minor.
8. This **wound** was caused by flying glass.
9. My ankle is very **swollen**.
10. I've got a horrible **blister** on my foot.
11. I've **sprained** my wrist.
12. Be careful or that wasp will **sting** you.

2 Accidents

Match the following expressions with the pictures below:

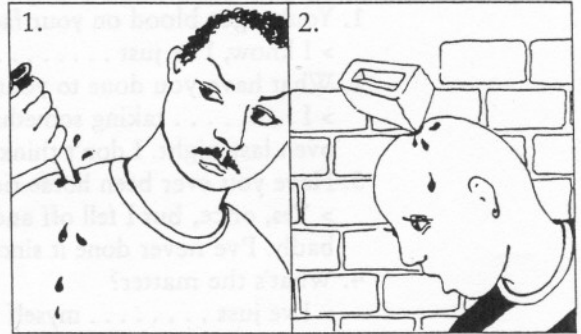
1. I've broken my arm. **i**
2. I've sprained my wrist. **d**
3. I've cut my thumb. **b**
4. I've burnt my hand. **f**
5. I've got a nosebleed. **a**
6. I hit my head. **e**
7. I got an electric shock. **g**
8. I got stung by a bee. **c**
9. I twisted my ankle. **h**



3 Wounds and injuries

Match the phrases with the pictures:

- 2 He's been injured. 1 He's been wounded.



Now complete the following sentences with the words below:

injured injury wound wounded

1. It's quite a deep **wound** You'll probably need stitches. I'll take you to the hospital.
2. Venus Williams was unable to finish her match because of a shoulder **injury**
3. My grand-dad was **wounded** in the war. He got shot in the leg.
4. There was a train crash in London this morning. Several people are seriously **injured**

Which of these words go with injury and which go with wound?

slight knife internal deep
bullet back sports stab

slight	bullet		
back	knife		
internal	deep	injury	wound
sports	stab		

In spoken language it is common to use hurt instead of injured. For example, "Did you hear about the train crash this morning? Quite a lot of people have been hurt." In sport we always use injured. "Ronaldo is injured and will miss the next five matches."

4 Hurting yourself

Complete the following dialogues with the phrases below:

- a. burnt myself
- b. cut myself
- c. scratched myself
- d. injured myself

1. You've got blood on your face.
> I know, I've just **cut myself** shaving.
2. What have you done to your hand?
> I **burnt myself**, taking something out of the oven last night. I don't think it's too serious.
3. Have you ever been horse-riding?
> Yes, once, but I fell off and **injured myself** quite badly. I've never done it since.
4. What's the matter?
> I've just **scratched** myself on that rose bush.

5 It's badly bruised

Match the phrases with the pictures:

1. He's unconscious. **f**
2. It's bleeding. **b**
3. It's bruised. **a**
4. It's swollen. **d**
5. He's got a black eye. **c**
6. He's got a bad scar under his eye. **e**

6 It was agony

Complete the sentences using these words:

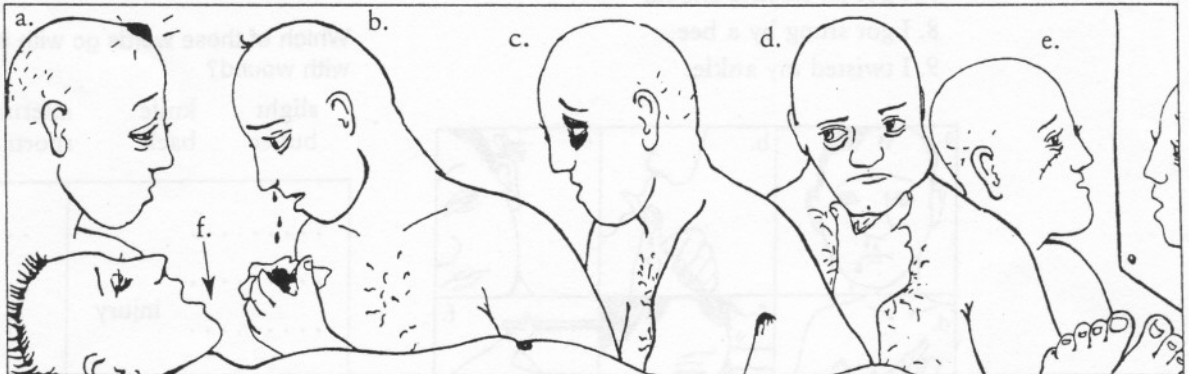
- agony blood black
- pain scratch blisters

- a. She's in a lot of **pain**.
- b. I'm **black** . . . and blue all over.
- c. There was **blood** . . . everywhere.
- d. My feet are covered in **blisters** . . .
- e. It's just a **scratch** . . .
- f. It was absolute **agony** . . .!

Now use the language above to complete the following sentences:

1. I ran in the London Marathon on Sunday. I'm in agony. My **feet are covered in blisters!**
2. Don't worry. **It's just a scratch.** I'll get you a plaster.
3. I think we'd better call an ambulance. She's **in a lot of pain.**
4. My brother cut the top off his finger with a kitchen knife last night. **There was blood everywhere.**
5. I shut my fingers in the car door this morning. I was in **a lot of pain.**
6. I played rugby again yesterday. It was VERY physical. **I'm black and blue all over** this morning.

Have you ever broken a bone, been knocked unconscious, cut yourself badly, or had a black eye?



Add your own words and expressions

I have grazed my knees. / He had grazes on his knuckles.

**I scalded my hand badly
laceration**

**The pants were chafing her thighs.
frostbite**

Blood spurted from the gash.