

24 Injuries

1 Basic vocabulary

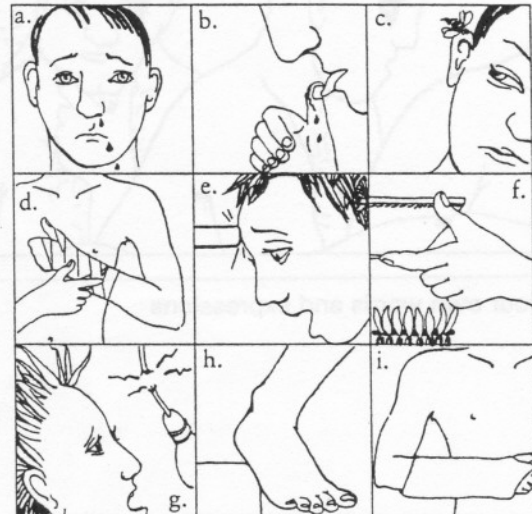
Translate the words in colour:

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:

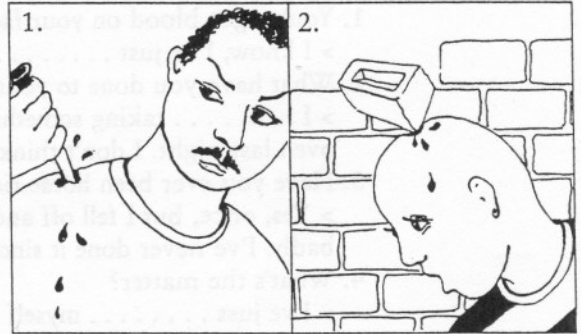
1. I've broken my arm.
2. I've sprained my wrist.
3. I've cut my thumb.
4. I've burnt my hand.
5. I've got a nosebleed.
6. I hit my head.
7. I got an electric shock.
8. I got stung by a bee.
9. I twisted my ankle.



3 Wounds and injuries

Match the phrases with the pictures:

He's been injured. He's been wounded.



Now complete the following sentences with the words below:

injured injury wound wounded

1. It's quite a deep 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
3. My grand-dad was in the war. He got shot in the leg.
4. There was a train crash in London this morning. Several people are seriously

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

slight knife internal deep
bullet back sports stab

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injury	wound

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:

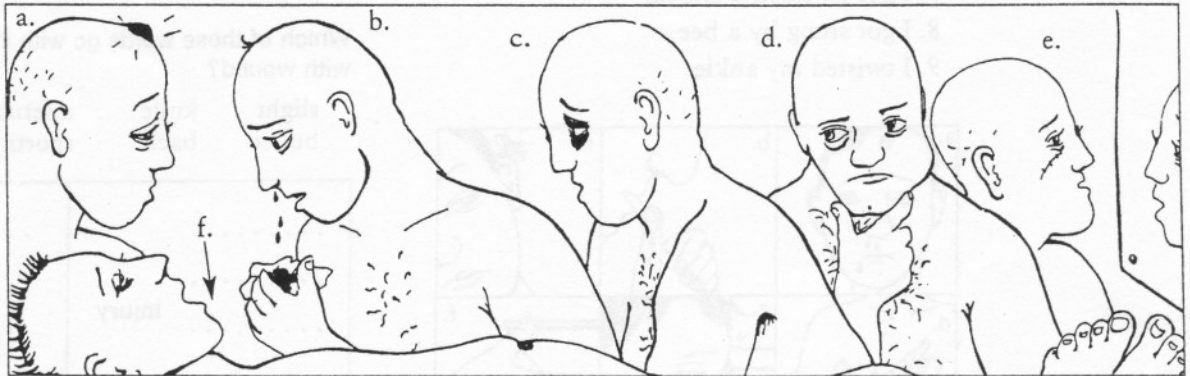
- a. burnt myself
- b. cut myself
- c. scratched myself
- d. injured myself

1. You've got blood on your face.
> I know, I've just shaving.
2. What have you done to your hand?
> I 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 quite badly. I've never done it since.
4. What's the matter?
> I've just myself on that rose bush.

5 It's badly bruised

Match the phrases with the pictures:

1. He's unconscious.
2. It's bleeding.
3. It's bruised.
4. It's swollen.
5. He's got a black eye.
6. He's got a bad scar under his eye.



Add your own words and expressions

6 It was agony

Complete the sentences using these words:

- agony blood black
- pain scratch blisters

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

Now use the language above to complete the following sentences:

1. I ran in the London Marathon on Sunday. I'm in agony. My !
2. Don't worry. I'll get you a plaster.
3. I think we'd better call an ambulance. She's
4. My brother cut the top off his finger with a kitchen knife last night.
5. I shut my fingers in the car door this morning. I was in
6. I played rugby again yesterday. It was VERY physical. this morning.

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