

Extra 7

What's the matter?

Learning how to describe various body conditions.

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Aims

This is an activity to ask about the children's physical condition. Rather than having children automatically answer "Fine." to the questions "How are you?" or "How are you doing?", you should for example ask children wearing masks whether they have a fever or a headache and provide chances for them to answer about their condition in more detail. We talk about our body condition quite often in our daily lives. It is hoped that children will start to think about how they can describe their condition in English by experiencing such an activity.

Vocabulary

stomachache toothache headache fever cold broken leg

Possible Activities

Ask children to remember when they last had a cold and have them write out a medical card with the symptoms they experienced while having the cold. Give the children forms with the various cold symptoms listed and have them check the symptoms as the teacher reads each one out. Children can also understand that different people experience different symptoms when they catch colds.

What's the matter? Please tell me your condition.

Do you have a fever?

Do you have a chill? Do you have a headache?

Do you have a stomachache?

Do you have sore throat? Do you have a runny nose?

Do you have a cough?