









HEALTH

1. Where can you see these pictures? What do they mean? Have you ever seen them?











2. Do you know any of these abbreviations? What do they mean? Can you name every word they consist of?

AIDS AA TB BSE GP EEG SARS ORL

3. Note the following idioms which are often used when referring to physical fitness. Do we have similar idioms in Czech?

fit as a fiddle thin as a rake stiff as a poker sick as a dog strong as an ox fat as a pig fresh as a daisy weak as a kitten

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Health is the most important thing in life. Everyone knows it but when we are healthy we usually don't appreciate it. We often realise it when we or some of our close relatives fall ill.

Everybody in our country has the right to choose a doctor and many people go to one family doctor. At present there are two types of **health facilities** operating in the Czech Republic: **state** and **private** ones. Medical care is provided for our citizens from birth to death. Each citizen is looked after even before birth under the scheme called **PRENATAL care**. Soon after birth each child is vaccinated against such illnesses as *tuberculosis*, *diphteria*, *tetanus*, *whooping cough*, *polio* and later *smallpox*. Due to vaccination and better hygiene these illnesses have either disappeared or are not fatal anymore.

Each school is under medical supervision which means that he or she has to undergo a series of preventive medical and dental check ups where his body is examined, his teeth checked and eyesight tested.

When we grow out of our children's diseases such as **cold**, **otitis**, **measles**, **mumps**, **rubeola** or **chicken-pox** we don't have to go to the doctor so often.

If we feel unwell, we decide to see a physician who is called a General Practitioner (GP). It is better to make an appointment with the doctor in his surgery time during his office hours, if we want to avoid long waiting in the WAITING ROOM which may often be crowded. Then the NURSE says "Next please" and invites us to the consulting room. The nurse has to look for our medical record and wants to see our insurance card and then takes our temperature. Then we are ready to enter the SURGERY. The doctor usually asks what the trouble is and then asks us to strip to the waist so he can EXAMINE our chest and throat.











The doctor wants to know if we have a temperature, a good appetite and where we feel pain. Then he listens to our lungs and heart and we have to **take a deep breath** or stop breathing according to his orders. He also wants us to open our mouth and say "Aaaaaah" to see if our tonsils are red. Sometimes he checks the **BLOOD PRESSURE** and **feels the PULSE**, takes the **blood COUNT**and **throat culture** or puts **URINE** through lab tests. We have to say how we feel, if we have a headache, a **sore throat**, a cold, a **cough**, or if we are sick or **hoarse**. Finally the doctor diagnoses the case and therapy and prescribes a medicine. Most often we suffer from a common infection such as flu, tonsilitis, bronchitis or pneumonia. At the pharmacy we get antibiotics, vitamins, **pain relievers** (pain killers) and **gargle**. We can also buy some medicinal herbs to prepare herbal tea.

In more serious cases or if we get injured we can call the doctor to our home. Sometimes we may be taken to hospital by an ambulance. For car accidents a special helicopter may be called in. Sometimes it is necessary to give **first aid** such as mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, to stop bleeding or **FIX FRACTURES.**

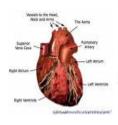
In the hospital the injured people are examined and **X-RAYED** at a **casualty ward** (emergency room). Serious cases are immediately **operated on** in the **operating theatre**. Before the operation the patient must pass several tests and then just before the operation he is **anaestetised** by means of an injection or inhalation of a narcotic. If a patient is in a serious condition after an operation he may be admitted to an Intensive Care Unit (ICU). After the operation a **scar** often remains. The patient is also sometimes sent to a health resort or a spa for rehabilitation. There he undergoes water treatment, takes baths, massage, remedial exercises and drinks the waters.

However, there are **fatal** illnessses like **CANCER** or AIDS which are **incurable** so far and many people die of them every day all around the world.











BRAIN

LUNGS

krevní obraz

STOMACH

HEART

KIDNEY

VOCABULARY

health facilities prenatal care otitis measles rubeola chicken-pox nurse GP surgery examine blood pressure

blood count

zdravotnická zařízení
předporodní péče
zánět středního ucha
spalničky
zarděnky
plané neštovice
zdravotní sestra
všeobecný (praktický) lékař
ordinace
vyšetřit
krevní tlak

pain killer
gargle
medicinal
herbal tea
get injured
first aid
resuscitation
fracture
fix
X-ray
casualty ward
operating theatre

lék proti bolesti kloktadlo léčivý bylinkový čaj zranit se první pomoc oživování zlomenina zpevnit rentgenovat úrazové oddělení operační sál





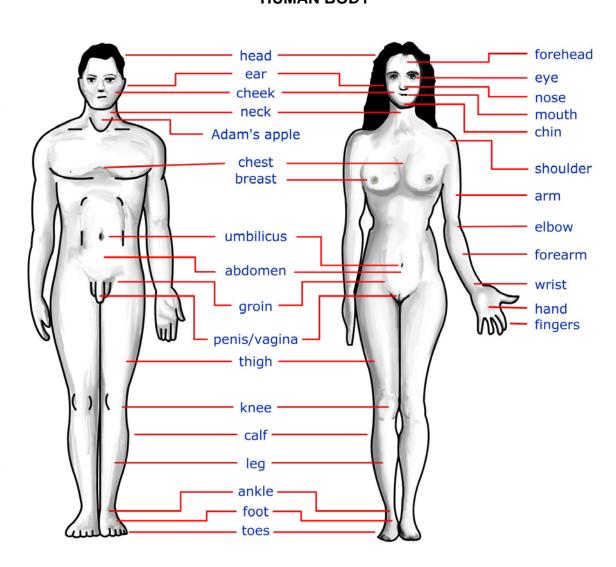






throat culture	výtěr z krku
sick	být nemocen
urine	moč
hoarse	chraptět
sore throat	bolest v krku
cough	kašel
suffer (from)	trpět (něčím)
spot	vyrážka
bowels	útroby, střeva
spinning	točit se
digest	trávit
itch	svrbění

HUMAN BODY













5. Match the following symptoms of diseases with their definitions:

1. Constipation	a) Tiny red spots on the skin
2. Diarrhoea	b) A difficult or infrequent emptying the bowels
3. Dizziness	c) An irritating sensation causing a desire to scratch your skin
4. Faint	d) A too frequent and too watery emptying of the bowels
5. Fever	e) Feeling as if everything is spinning around
6. Hiccups	f) Inability to sleep
7. Indigestion	g) Becoming senseless and motionless
8. Insomnia	h) Difficulty in digesting food
9. Itch	i) A sudden, involuntary spasm with a characteristic sound
10. Rash	j) Condition of the body with a temperature higher than normal

6. How do I feel when I have a flu? Fill in the missing words. Use the words provided.

Sick, shiver, off-colour, temperature, hoar ache	rse, germs, cough, runny, virus, sneeze (2x), stuffed-up, swallow,
I feel tired and I am 1)	I have a headache, a sore throat and I am (it is difficult for
me to speak) 2) I have	a bad 3) nose
and I 5) It hurts to	6)
	And I have a 8)
nose and have trouble breathing.	•
	, which is why you say "I have caught the flu". If I've
	so as to get better more quickly and not spread the 10)
	d 11) with
	and I feel 13) I don't sleep well
because of the pain in my chest. I usually	·
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- 7. Here are some specialists with brief description of their fields of expertise. Choose the correct specialization.
- 1. He treats children's diseases.
- a) He is an orthopaedist.
- b) He is a paediatrician.
- c) He is a pathologist.

- 2. He corrects deformities of the body.
- a) He is a gynaecologist.
- b) he is an orthopaedist.
- c) He is a pathologist.
- 3. He is a medical doctor who specializes in diseases of the eye.
- a) He is an oculist.
- b) He is an optician.
- c) He is a pathologist.





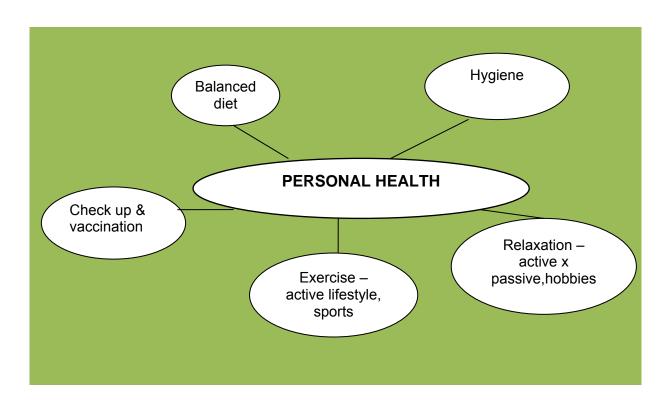






- 4. He makes your eyeglasses.
- a) He is an oculist. b) He is an orthopaedist. c) He is an optician.
- 5. He specializes in mental disorders.
- a) He is an internist. b) He is a psychiatrist. c) He is a physiotherapist.
- 6. His speciality is taking and interpreting X rays.
- a) He is a gynaecologist
- b) He is a neurologist.
- c) He is a radiologist.

Mind map of a personal health



8. What do you do to keep yourself healthy? Complete:

I try to keep a balanced diet consisting of,,	(proteiny, tuky,
vitamíny) and a lot of and (ovoce a zeleniny). I like sp	
(dopň sporty, které pěstuješ) because it helps me to avoid putting on v	veight and I feel
strong and (zdravý). In my free time I relax when I spend my time on my	/ hobbies which
are(doplň své koníčky). For personal hygi	ene I wash my
(ruce) daily, also have a shower or a(koupel) every e	evening. I try to
minimize unhealthy personal habits like (kouření), drug abuse and	l alcohol. I have
regular(prohlídky-lékařské) at my (praktického léka	ře).











9. Feedback: try to answer these questions. Expressions in brackets may help

- Did you suffer from chicken pox or measles when you were a child? (mumps, scarlet fever, tonsilitis)
- Do you know any incurable diseases? (AIDS, SARS, swine flu, leukemia)
- When was the last time you had to go to the doctors? What was wrong with you?
- What treatment do you receive when you have flu/ diarrhoea/ rash/ hangover? (pills, oinments, gargle, injections, herbal tea, rest in bed)
- Have you ever had a sports injury? (a broken bone/ a pulled muscle/ a sprained ankle/ a torn ligament)
- Are you for or against legalizing euthanasia? Why?











1) SYMBOLS: deaf people, hospital, Intensive Care Unit, handicapped people, pharmacy

2) AIDS: Icquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

AA: Alcoholics Anonymous

TB: tuberculosis

BSE: Bahrain Stock Exchange

GP:General Practitioner

EEG: electroencephalograph

SARS: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome

ORL: otorhinolaryngology

5) 1B, 2D, 3E, 4G, 5J, 6I, 7H, 8F, 9C, 10A

6) off-colour, hoarse, cough, runny, sneeze, swallow, sneeze, stuffed-up, virus, germs, temperature, shiver, sick, ache

7) 1B, 2B, 3A, 4C, 5B, 6C