

**Describe the Condition**  
**Lesson & Key Vocabulary**  
**Intermediate/Advanced**

**Recording with repeats and time to practice pronunciation of Describe the Condition**

Describe the Problem

What is the problem?

pain

bleeding

bite

burn

cut

cold

warm

hot

allergy

bacteria

chills

cough

sneeze

fever

infection

itchy

loss of (taste, touch, smell, hearing, sensation)

pressure

nauseous

tired

virus

vomit

break/broken \_\_\_\_\_

dislocated \_\_\_\_\_

sprained \_\_\_\_\_

strained \_\_\_\_\_

bruise/bruised \_\_\_\_\_

soreness/sore \_\_\_\_\_

swollen \_\_\_\_  
scratch/scratched \_\_\_\_  
tear/torn \_\_\_\_

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Describe the Pain

**Recording with repeats and time to practice pronunciation of Describe the Pain**

How is the pain? (Levels of Pain)

I have...  
no pain  
a little pain  
some pain  
a lot of pain

When did the problem start? (Time frames)

Today  
Yesterday  
Last weekend  
Last week  
(Two/three/four/five/etc.) \_\_\_\_ days ago  
(Two/three/four/five/etc.) \_\_\_\_ months ago  
Last year  
(Two/three/four/five/etc.) \_\_\_\_ years ago  
In the spring/summer/fall/winter

When I was a...  
a child  
teenager  
young adult  
adult  
parent

As I got older  
In my twenties

In my thirties  
In my forties  
In my fifties  
In my sixties  
In my seventies  
In my eighties

Where is the pain? (Location of pain)

above  
on  
in  
under  
next to  
inbetween  
around  
here  
there

left ←  
right →  
upper ↑  
mid ↔  
lower ↓  
front ↖  
back ↘  
everywhere ⇔↕

When does it hurt?

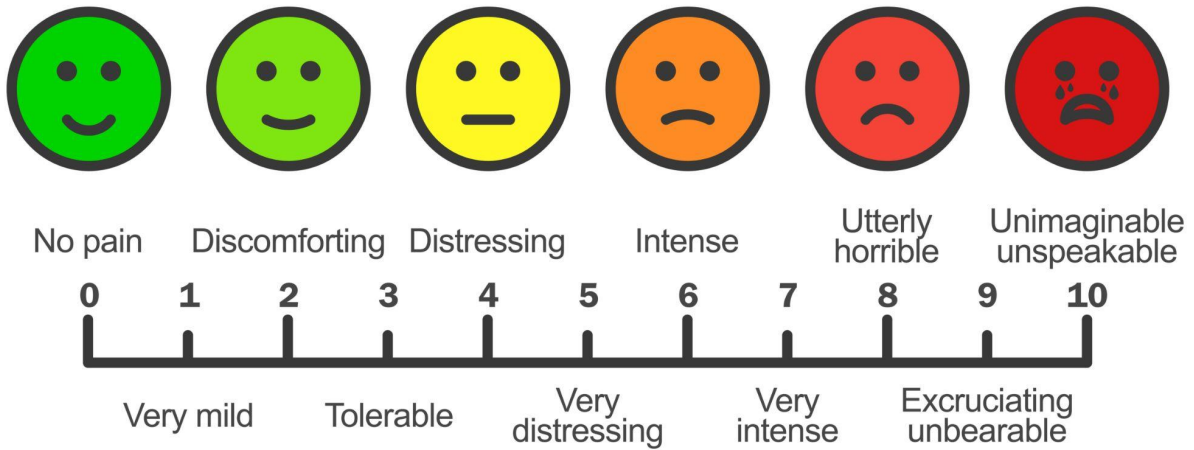
It hurts when I...

bend.  
exercise.  
lay down.  
lift something.  
reach.

run.  
sleep.  
walk.  
work.

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### Questions



On a scale of 1-10, how is the pain?

My pain is a \_\_\_\_.

☹️ one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten 😞

What level is your pain?

I have \_\_\_\_\_.

- no pain
- a little pain
- some pain
- a lot of pain

How often do you have pain?

I never have pain.

I have pain \_\_\_\_\_.

- sometimes
- in the morning/afternoon/evening
- when I wake up/when I go to bed/work/sleep
- Always

What is the problem?

I have \_\_\_\_\_.

a burn

a cold

a cough, a cut, a fever

a virus

an infection, an injury

an allergy (to mold, peanuts, eggs, etc.)

a strain, a tear

a bruised \_\_\_\_\_/a broken \_\_\_\_\_

the chills

pain in my \_\_\_\_\_ (arm/shoulder/back/etc.)

What is the cause of the problem?

Allergy/chemicals/pesticides/too much sun/too little sleep/virus

What is hurting?

My \_\_\_\_\_ (body part) is hurting.

My \_\_\_\_\_ (body part) is sore./My \_\_\_\_\_ (body parts) are sore.

arm, leg, neck, shoulder/ arms, fingers, feet, legs

When does it hurt?

It hurts when I \_\_\_\_\_

move, lay down, lift something, stand, work, etc.

Does it hurt to \_\_\_\_\_?

sit, stand, reach, bend, lift, etc.

Yes, it does hurt to \_\_\_\_\_.

sit, stand, reach, bend, lift something, swallow, walk, etc.

No, it does not hurt to \_\_\_\_\_.

sit, stand, reach, bend, lift something, swallow, walk, etc.

Where did you get burned?

My \_\_\_\_\_ (body part) was burned.

Where is the bite?

The bite is on my \_\_\_\_\_ (body part).

What are you allergic to?

I am allergic to \_\_\_\_\_. (allergen)

cats, shellfish, peanuts, ragweed, pollen, mold

What did you sprain?

I sprained my \_\_\_\_\_.

arm, ankle, wrist, etc.

What did you break?

I broke my \_\_\_\_\_.

arm, leg, foot, etc.

What did you tear?

I tore my \_\_\_\_\_.

meniscus, achilles, rotator cuff, etc.

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## **Describe the Condition: Sample Conversation Comprehension- Student Version**

Listen to the conversation and answer the questions./Escuche la conversación y conteste las preguntas.

### [Recording of Conversation](#)

-Hello. How are you feeling today?

-I am not feeling well.

-What is the problem?

-I have a sore lower back.

-I'm sorry to hear that. When does it hurt?

-It hurts when I bend.

-When did the problem start?

-The problem started in my twenties, when I was at work.

-Does it hurt to lift something?

-Yes, it does.

-Does it hurt to lay down?

-No, it does not hurt to lay down.

-Ok. That helps. On a scale of 1-10, how is the pain right now?

-My pain is a five.

-Ok, let's see what we can do to help with the pain.

-Thank you.

1. What problem does the patient have?/¿Qué problema tiene el paciente?

- a. bite
- b. tear
- c. infection
- d. **soreness**

2. Where is the problem?/¿Dónde está el problema?

- a. arm
- b. leg
- c. **back**
- d. foot

3. When does it hurt?/¿Cuándo le duele?

When the patient...

- a. **bends.**
- b. sleeps.
- c. wakes up.
- d. lays down.

4. When did the problem start?/¿Cuándo empezó el problema?

- a. **20s**
- b. 30s
- c. 40s
- d. 50s

5. It hurts when the patient lifts something.

- a. **True/Cierto**
- b. False/Falso

6. It hurts when the patient lays down.

- a. True/Cierto
- b. **Falso/False**



7. Describe the pain of the patient./Describe el dolor del paciente.

The patient has \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. no pain
- b. a little pain
- c. some pain
- d. a lot of pain