



# 10/17 Unit Two: Accessing Healthcare

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# Homework review



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# Answers

By May 2021, I will have lived in Spokane for 4 years. During these four years I have seen the doctor's many times. Whenever I feel under the weather, I make an appointment at the health center. The doctors have given me medicine to help me recover quickly from my cold. I typically go to the health center once per year. By the time I graduate, I will have been to the health center four times. Normally I have a quick recovery after going to the doctors. However, I have gone under the knife a few times. One time was for a surgery on my wrist. This required many months for full recovery. I had had pain in my wrist for 2 years before I got surgery. Luckily, I have not had pain since the surgery and most of my visits to the doctors are a quick fix.

# Breakout rooms

Imagine: You work for a government **think tank** which wants to find solutions to problems in the health sector. They want you to describe **2** problems and solutions to each problem.

\***A think tank** is a research institute that performs research and advocacy concerning topics such as social policy, political strategy, economics, military, technology, and culture.

# Whole class

Our class think tank found these problems and solutions to the healthcare sector:

Problems	#1:	#2:	#3:
Solutions			

# Idioms of Symptom Improvement

## 1. Back on one's feet

- **Meaning:** Physically healthy again
- **Example:** *My mother is **back on her feet** after being under the knife.*



## Alive And Kicking

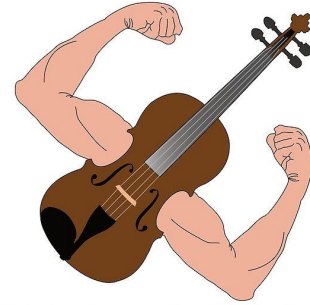
In good health despite  
health problems



## 2. Alive And Kicking

- **Meaning:** In good health despite health problems
- **Example:** *I was under the weather last week, but I'm **alive and kicking!***





## Fit As A Fiddle

### 3. As fit as a fiddle

#### \* Fiddle=violin

- **Meaning:** To be healthy and physically fit
- **Example:** I thought *my grandfather's condition took a turn for the worse* but he is **as fit as a fiddle** now that he *started eating healthy and exercising.*

# Review

Use **two of the idioms** you learned to form sentence(s) using **past simple** and **present perfect**.

*Example #1) I **had** a physical examination with bad results but after that I **have been** alive and kicking.*

1. Under the weather
2. Come down with something
3. Get a black eye
4. Go under the knife
5. Have a physical (examination)
6. Take a turn for the worse
7. Back on one's feet
8. Alive and kicking
9. As fit as a fiddle

# Discuss: Should healthcare be free?

**Universal:** the governmental system ensures that every citizen or resident of a region has access to the required medical services.

**Free:** all about removing formal user fees either fully or partially.

# Discuss: Should healthcare be free?

Instructions: In your breakout room, first, talk about whether healthcare should be free or not from your perspective as a patient. Then, discuss whether healthcare should be free or not from the following perspectives. Give reasons for each perspective.

1. Government
2. Medical personnel
3. Insurance companies
4. Pharmaceutical companies

When we return, each group will share ideas with the whole group.

# Discuss: Should healthcare be free?

Perspective	Patient	Government	Medical personnel	Insurance companies	Pharmaceutical companies
YES					
NO					
OTHER					

# US Healthcare System



Watch is on your own after class

# Questions