

Error Correction

Look at each sentence. They are all incorrect. Explain why the sentence is incorrect and write the correct sentence in the spaces provided.

1) I have headache.

EXPLANATION

This expression always uses the article "a".

CORRECT SENTENCE

I have a headache.

2) I need to go to the doctor.

EXPLANATION

The medical building is "the doctor's" with apostrophe S.
The person is a doctor.

CORRECT SENTENCE

I need to go to the doctor's.

3) What's the wrong?

EXPLANATION

This is a combination of "What's wrong?" and "What's the matter?" We must use one expression or another.

CORRECT SENTENCE

What's wrong?
What's the matter?

4) I'm under weather.

EXPLANATION

This expression requires the article "the".

CORRECT SENTENCE

I'm under the weather.

5) He has a toothache.

EXPLANATION

This expression does not require the article "a".

CORRECT SENTENCE

He has toothache.

6) She has cold.

EXPLANATION

The expression is "to have a cold", we need the article "a".

CORRECT SENTENCE

She has a cold.

7) She hurt his arm.

EXPLANATION

The subject is "she", so the possessive adjective must also be female third person.

CORRECT SENTENCE

She hurt her arm.

8) My daughter cut finger.

EXPLANATION

The expression is "to cut one's finger". One's must be a possessive adjective.

CORRECT SENTENCE

My daughter cut her finger.

9) You should get rest.

EXPLANATION

We must use the article "some" in this expression.

CORRECT SENTENCE

You should get some rest.

10) You need to have some painkillers.

EXPLANATION

The verb we use to talk about consuming medication is "take".

CORRECT SENTENCE

You need to take some painkillers.

11) I sore my back.

EXPLANATION

"Sore" is an adjective - it is sore.
The verb is "hurt".

CORRECT SENTENCE

My back is sore.
I hurt my back.