Theme 9: The human body and wellness

The human body

The human body	I
Body	Umzimba
Hair	Izinwele
Head	Ikhanda
Face	Ubuso
Ear /ears	Indlebe /izindlebe
Tooth / teeth	Izinyo / amazinyo
Neck	Intamo
Shoulder /shoulders	Ihlombe / amahlombe
Chest	Isifuba
Heart	Inhliziyo
Stomach	Isisu
Finger / fingers	Umunwe / iminwe
Foot / feet	Unyawo / izinyawo
Ankle /ankles	Iqakala / amaqakala
Eye /eyes	Ihlo, iso / amehlo
Nose	Ikhala
Mouth	Umlomo / imilomo
Tongue	Ulimi
Hand / hands	Isandla / izandla
Arm /arms	Ingalo /izingalo
Elbow /elbows	Indololwane / izindolowane
Hip /hips	Inqulu /izinqulu
Back	Umhlane / imihlane
Knee / knees	Idolo / amadolo
Buttock / buttocks	Isinge / izinge
Thigh /thighs	Ithanga / amathanga
Calf /calves	Isitho / izitho
Leg /legs	Umlenze / imilenze
Toe /toes	Uzwani / izinzwani
Shoulder(s) Neck Chest Arm(s)	Head Elbow(s) Back
Hand(s) Knee(s) Leg(s)	Bottom—Thigh(s) Calf (Calves)
Foot(Feet)——Ankle(s)	Heel(s)

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I am not feeling well. Angizizwa kahle.

What is the matter?	Yini? / yini na? /kwenzenjani?
I feel weak.	Ngizizwa ngibuthakathaka.
I am tired.	Ngikhathele.
I am sick.	Ngiyagula.
I am injured.	Ngilimele.
I have a headache.	Ngiphethwe yikhanda.
I have a cold.	Ngiphethwe umkhuhlane.
I am coughing.	Ngiyakhwehlela.
I am thirsty.	Ngomile.
I am hungry.	Ngilambile / ngiphethwe yindlala.
I want to see the doctor / dentist.	Ngifuna ukubona udokotela / ngifuna
	ukubona udokotela wamazinyo.
Where do you have pain?	Kubuhlungu kuphi?
I can't sleep well.	Angikwazi ukulala kahle.
I have been stung by a bee.	Ngitinyelwe yinyosi.
I have been bitten by a snake.	Ngilunywe yinyoka.
I have broken my arm.	Ngiphuke ingalo / ngiphuke engalweni.
I have diarrhoea.	Ngiphethwe uhudo.
Get better soon!	Uphole masinyane!
Take care!	Zinakekele!
I feel good!	Ngizizwa ngingumqemane!
I am happy!	Ngijabulile!

COMM ENTS

South African docters are very well qualified and there are excellent hospitals in South Africa, whether private or provincial. Zulu people either visit a Western docter or a traditional docter. In the traditional Zulu culture the *inyanga* (herbalist) and the *isangoma* (soothsayer) heal people. Where the *inyanga* is usually a man, the *isangoma* may be a woman. The *inyanga* utilises an extensive knowledge of herbs, treebark, grasses, etc. inherited from previous generations to cure his patients, while the *isangoma* throws bones and shells to identify various illnesses.

When going to a traditional docter, it may be useful to know different body parts when you want to express what illness you are suffering from. The sentence usually starts with Ngiphethwe, e.g.

Ngiphethwe yisisu (I have stomach ache)

Ngiphethwe yikhanda (I have a headache)

Ngiphethwe isifuba (I have a chest pain).

A: Tourist B: Zulu speaker	Theme 9: The human body and ailments
A: Sawubona!	Hallo!
B: Sawubona. Unjani namuhla?	Hallo. How is it today?
A: Ngiyagula.	I am ill.
B: Uphethwe yini?	What is wrong?

A: Ngiphethwe yisisu.	I have a stomach ache.
B: Nanku umuthi.	Here is medicine.
A: Ngiyabonga.	Thank you.
B: Uphole masinyane! Uzinakekele!	You must get better soon! Take care!