

Warm Up

When we talk about aches and pains in English, there are two ways that we often do this. One, we add the word *ache* to a body part. Sometimes this results in a compound word, sometimes it doesn't. Two, we use the verb *hurt* to describe the area where we feel pain.

Examples

I have a headache.	My head hurts.
I have a stomachache.	My stomach hurts.
I have a toothache.	My tooth hurts. / My teeth hurt.
I have a backache.	My back hurts.
I have an earache.	My ear hurts. / My ears hurt.
I have a muscle <i>ache</i> .	My muscle aches. / My muscles ache.
I have a shoulder <i>ache</i> .	My shoulder hurts. / My shoulders hurt.
I have a foot <i>ache</i> .	My foot hurts. / My feet hurt.
etc.	etc.

You can also say, I have a **pain** in my _____.

Activity

Today, let's play a gesture game. One person can gesture a pain, and the other person will say, "**You have a backache.**" Or, "**Your back hurts.**" If the answer is correct, the person doing the gesture can say, "**That's right.**" If the answer is wrong, the person doing the gesture can say, "**No, I don't. Try again.**"

If the gesture game is too easy, try making sentences like this.

A: I drank too much last night, now ...

B: *You have a headache. / Your head hurts.*

A: I closed the door on my finger this morning, now ...

B: *You have a finger ache. / Your finger hurts.*

Useful Expression

In today's scene, Peggy Sue says that she feels strange. In response, Charlie says, *I can take care of that.*

When you *take care of something* in this sense, it generally means that you solve a problem, make a problem go away, or complete a task.

In other words, Charlie is saying, *I can make you feel better.* Or, said in another way, *I can make your strange feelings go away.*

You can use this expression with any tense.

- I will take care of it.
- I'm going to take care of it.
- I'm taking care of it right now.
- I took care of it.
- I've already taken care of it.
- If I were to take care of it, I would ...

Activity

Look at the following situations and think of what is being taken care of.

Example:

A: Is everything okay?

B: No. *I'm planning to make omraisu for dinner tonight, but I just realized that we're out of eggs, and I don't have time to go to the store.*

A: Don't worry. I'll take care of it.

→ Person A will go to the store and buy eggs for person B.

Situations

A: I'm not looking forward to tomorrow.

B: Why not?

A: The neighbor's dog is going to bark all day again.

B: You don't have to worry about that. I took care of it.

→ _____

A: Have you tried using the TV today?

B: No, I haven't. Is something wrong?

A: Yeah, it isn't working.

B: Okay. I call someone and have it taken care of tomorrow.

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A: What's that noise?

B: I think the kids are fighting again. Can you take care of it? I'm a little busy at the moment.

A: Sure thing.

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A: Hello? Can you hear me?

B: Yeah. What's going on?

A: I think someone is following me.

B: Then you should call the police and have them take care of it.

→ _____

Today's Scene

In today's scene, Peggy Sue has traveled back in time to her senior year of high school where she is dating the man that she will later marry, the man that she is now (in current time) divorced from. Peggy Sue has been living in the past for only one day, and she isn't adjusting to this situation well. Let's watch today's scene and see what Peggy Sue and her boyfriend talk about on their way to school.



Role Play

There are primarily two characters in today's scene. Please choose one character and try your best to imitate them. Charlie has a very halting way of speaking that will be good for you to try to mimic. Peggy Sue, on the other hand, is very direct. See if you can speak like both characters.

Conversation

In today's scene, Charlie says to Peggy Sue, *I figure three years is long enough for, uh, the music to **pan out**, which it will. I know it.* When something **pans out**, it works itself out, or it becomes true.

Charlie wants to become a famous singer. In today's scene, he is confident that if he spends three years writing songs and singing live shows, he will become a popular singer and will be able to have a career as a musician.

In pairs, talk about dreams that you have had in the past, things that you've wanted to do or things that you've wanted to become. Some of them have probably panned out, but others probably haven't.

Examples

I once wanted to become a professional American football player, but I never got big enough to compete at a professional level, so it never panned out.

When I was in high school, I dreamed of traveling the world and living in other countries. Now, I live in Japan, so you could say that things panned out for me. I've traveled the world a little too, but when I was on a two-month trip through India and Vietnam, I realized that I didn't really care for backpacking around foreign countries. I prefer to have more structure and stability, so even though my dream didn't pan out the way I thought it would, I'm okay with that.