

HEALTH UNIT: SECTION 10
Filling Out Medical and Family History Forms

VOCABULARY LISTS

Directions: Check word meanings orally with students. Discuss meanings and give examples for any unknown words or concepts. Use graphics and Reading Passage -Section 10 to help clarify.

medical history -	medical information about a person from the present and the past
family history -	medical information about a person's family members (blood relatives) from the present and the past
allergies -	exaggerated reaction of the immune system when exposed to certain substances
immunizations -	shots given to a person (or animal) to prevent disease. The shots usually contain a tiny amount of a dead microorganism, which helps the immune system learn to recognize it so it can fight against it.

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Supplemental Vocabulary (words which may come up in oral discussions or other activities)

dyslexia -	a condition that makes it extremely difficult to read, write, and spell in your native language—despite at least average intelligence.
extraction (dental) -	pulling out of a tooth
orthodontics -	a specialty of dentistry concerned with straightening teeth
prolonged -	for a long period of time
Pap smear –	a routine medical test that checks for cancer in the cells of a woman's cervix
anemia –	having too few red blood cells. Symptoms of anemia include feeling tired, weak, and short of breath.
mammogram –	an x-ray of the breast used to detect and diagnose breast cancer
sibling -	brother or sister