



HEALTH

to go down with, to fight off, to bring down, to cool down,

Conversation:

- VICKI:** Hey, Matt, are you feeling ok? I don't think you're looking too well today. Are you okay?
- MATT:** Am I okay? No, not really. I've got a temperature, a headache, a sore throat....I think **I'm going down with something**.
- VICKI:** Oh dear...I'd say **you're going down with** the flu!
- VICKI:** So poor Matt is not very well.
- MATT:** Yes, I think I'm **going down with** the flu. But I've got **to fight it off** Vicki! We've got a programme to do.
- VICKI:** What a professional, trying not to let yourself get ill, trying **to fight it off**.
- MATT:** I've got to fight it off Vicki! We've got a programme to do. The show must go on!
- VICKI:** I've got some pain killers in my bag somewhere...Here...
- MATT:** Oh. Thanks, that should **bring my temperature down**.
- VICKI:** Yes, hopefully it'll reduce your temperature.
- VICKI:** And here's some water.
- MATT:** Thanks. Cold water will **cool me down** too.
- VICKI:** Yes, if you're feeling hot and unwell, drinking water will stop you being so hot.
- MATT:** (*drinks*) Argh. That hurts my throat!
- VICKI:** Hmm you're a difficult patient! Why don't you go and have a bit of a lie down?

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- VICKI:** So, Matt, how are you feeling now.
- MATT:** Oh...I'm feeling much better thanks! I think **I'm getting over it** all.
- VICKI:** Well that's a relief.



Examples:

1. to go down with. My little nephew's just gone down with chicken pox.
2. to fight off. I'm trying to fight off a migraine - I need to lie down in the dark.
3. to bring down. The internet is bringing down the price of CDs
4. to cool down. That tea's too hot - can you put some more milk in to cool it down?