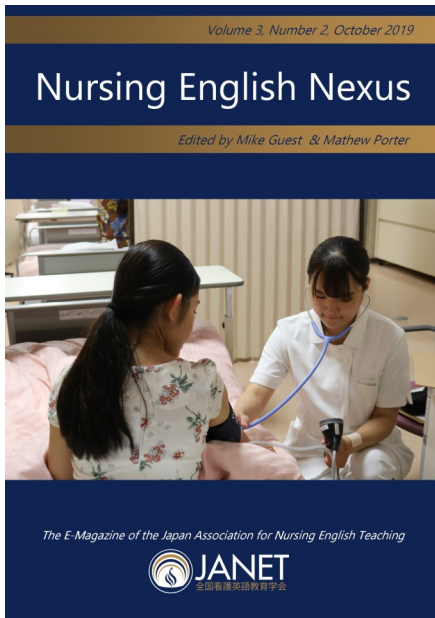


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Following up on my development (Franklin, 2019) of a 314-word Nursing Vocabulary List (NVL, Appendix A), I created worksheets which offer opportunities to learn items from the list through exercises in antonyms & synonyms (Appendix B), misfits (Appendix C), matching collocations (Appendix D), and word search (Appendix E). These may be used either in conjunction with the NVL or independently of it.

Nursing students need to develop a working vocabulary of basic English health-related terms, including body parts, hospital departments, and common treatments and equipment used in their profession. An online search uncovered two academic word lists that could be relevant to this need: The Nursing Academic Word List (NAWL) developed by Yang (2015), containing 676 word families, and the Medical Academic Vocabulary List (MAVL) developed by Lei and Liu (2016), consisting of 819 lemmas (a headword and its inflections).

However, having determined that these two academic lists are both too long and too technical for nursing students to learn in an English as a Foreign Language (EFL) context, I developed my own Nursing Vocabulary List (NVL) composed of 314 items which I felt were both relevant and frequent-enough to be worth learning (Franklin, 2019). These are words that would be generally known by most native English speakers, rather than the highly specialized terminology of the medical profession. This NVL (Appendix A) is designed to supplement whatever curriculum and textbooks may be used by EFL nursing instructors, and is meant to be used for vocabulary learning by each student individually, rather than vocabulary teaching by the instructor. This is in accordance with Nation's claim that, "Deliberately teaching vocabulary is one of the least efficient ways of developing learners' vocabulary knowledge" (2008,

p.97). Nation instead recommends the teaching of vocabulary learning strategies such as using word cards, guessing from context, dictionary use, and word-part analysis, so that learners can take responsibility for their own learning of vocabulary that they find useful, relevant, or interesting. Nation furthermore points out that "...words are not learned in one meeting" (2008, p.113), which suggests that one of the roles of the teacher is to plan for repeated encounters with recently encountered lexical terms. The self-explanatory vocabulary worksheets presented here (Appendices B-E) were made with this purpose in mind, and are based on words from the NVL, although they may be used without prior introduction of the NVL if so desired.

One alternative to presenting the entire NVL could be to break it up into 20- or 25-word units to be learned weekly within a semester and, possibly, assessed with weekly vocabulary quizzes. The variations possible for presenting and/or recycling the items in the NVL are myriad, but it is hoped that these worksheets will provide a good start for giving nursing students opportunities to learn common health-related vocabulary that is useful for their professional development.

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Appendix A

The Nursing Vocabulary List (NVL)

Which words do you know? Mark each word according to the following scale:

0: I don't know it at all.

1: I have seen it, but don't know the meaning.

2: I have seen it, and think I know the meaning.

3: I know what it means in Japanese.

4: I can use it in English.

5: I can give its meaning in English.

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| 1. Ankle | 37. Neck |
| 2. Arm | 38. Nerves |
| 3. Back | 39. Nose |
| 4. Belly button | 40. Pancreas |
| 5. Brain | 41. Ribs |
| 6. Bladder | 42. Shoulder |
| 7. Blood | 43. Skin |
| 8. Bones | 44. Skull |
| 9. Butt (bottom, ass) | 45. Sole |
| 10. Calf | 46. Stomach |
| 11. Cheek | 47. Thigh |
| 12. Chest | 48. Thumb |
| 13. Chin | 49. Toe |
| 14. Ears | 50. Tooth (teeth) |
| 15. Elbow | 51. Throat |
| 16. Eyes | 52. Waist |
| 17. Finger | 53. Wrist |
| 18. Foot | 54. Anesthetic |
| 19. Forehead | 55. Burn Unit |
| 20. Gallbladder | 56. Cardiology |
| 21. Genitals | 57. Dermatology |
| 22. Hand | 58. Ears, Nose, & Throat (ENT) |
| 23. Head | 59. Endoscopy |
| 24. Heart | 60. Emergency Room |
| 25. Heel | 61. Gastroenterology |
| 26. Hip | 62. General Surgery |
| 27. Intestines | 63. Geriatrics |
| 28. Kidneys | 64. Gynecology |
| 29. Knee | 65. Hematology |
| 30. Leg | 66. Intensive Care Unit |
| 31. Lip | 67. Maternity |
| 32. Liver | 68. Microbiology |
| 33. Lungs | 69. Neonatal |
| 34. Mouth | 70. Nephrology |
| 35. Muscles | 71. Neurology |
| 36. Nails | 72. Obstetrics |

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| 73. | Occupational Therapy | 119. | Cane |
| 74. | Oncology | 120. | Cardiac arrest (heart attack) |
| 75. | Ophthalmology | 121. | Caregiver |
| 76. | Orthopedic | 122. | Cast |
| 77. | Pain Management | 123. | Cause |
| 78. | Pediatric | 124. | Cells |
| 79. | Pharmacy | 125. | Chart |
| 80. | Psychiatry | 126. | Checkup |
| 81. | Physiotherapy | 127. | Chemotherapy (chemo) |
| 82. | Radiotherapy | 128. | Chicken pox |
| 83. | Rheumatology | 129. | Choking |
| 84. | Sexual Health | 130. | Cholesterol |
| 85. | Urology | 131. | Chronic |
| | | 132. | Circulation |
| 86. | Abdominal pain | 133. | Clinic |
| 87. | Abnormal | 134. | Cold |
| 88. | Abuse | 135. | Colleagues (coworkers) |
| 89. | Accident | 136. | Colon |
| 90. | Ache | 137. | Coma |
| 91. | Acute | 138. | Conscious |
| 92. | Addiction | 139. | Constipation |
| 93. | AED | 140. | Consult |
| 94. | Aged (elderly) | 141. | Coronary |
| 95. | Aid (first aid) | 142. | Coughing |
| 96. | AIDS | 143. | CPR |
| 97. | Allergic (...reaction) | 144. | Critical condition |
| 98. | Alleviate | 145. | Crutches |
| 99. | Alzheimer's | 146. | Cure |
| 100. | Ambulance | 147. | Damage |
| 101. | Antibiotics | 148. | Data |
| 102. | Antibodies | 149. | Death |
| 103. | Antiseptic | 150. | Degrees |
| 104. | Artery | 151. | Dehydrated |
| 105. | Asthma | 152. | Dementia |
| 106. | Bacteria | 153. | Depression |
| 107. | Bandage | 154. | Diabetes |
| 108. | Band aid | 155. | Diagnosis |
| 109. | Benign | 156. | Diarrhea |
| 110. | Biochemical | 157. | Disease |
| 111. | Biopsy | 158. | Disorder |
| 112. | Bleeding | 159. | Dizzy |
| 113. | Blood Pressure | 160. | Drug (...overdose) |
| 114. | Blood Transfusion | 161. | Drunk |
| 115. | Bowel Movement | 162. | Effect |
| 116. | Breast (...feeding) | 163. | Epidemic |
| 117. | Breathing | 164. | Examination |
| 118. | Cancer | 165. | External |

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| 166. Fart (pass gas) | 213. Menstrual |
| 167. Fatal | 214. Metabolism |
| 168. Fatigue | 215. Midwife |
| 169. Female | 216. Minimum |
| 170. Fever | 217. Moderate |
| 171. the Flu (influenza) | 218. MRI |
| 172. Fluid (liquid) | 219. Mucus |
| 173. Follow-up | 220. Mumps |
| 174. Fractured (broken) | 221. Nasal congestion (stuffy nose) |
| 175. Function | 222. Nausea |
| 176. Gauze | 223. Needle |
| 177. Genetic | 224. Negative |
| 178. Germs | 225. Numb |
| 179. Glucose | 226. Nurse |
| 180. Headache | 227. Obesity |
| 181. Heal | 228. Onset |
| 182. Heatstroke | 229. Operation |
| 183. Height | 230. Oral |
| 184. HIV | 231. Organ Failure |
| 185. Hormone | 232. Outpatient |
| 186. Hospital | 233. Overweight |
| 187. Hurt | 234. Pain (...killer) |
| 188. Hypertension | 235. Paralyzed |
| 189. Hypothermia | 236. Pathology |
| 190. Illness (sickness) | 237. Patient |
| 191. Immune system | 238. Pharmacology |
| 192. Indigestion (stomachache) | 239. Physical |
| 193. Infant (baby) | 240. Physician (doctor) |
| 194. Infection | 241. Pill (tablet, capsule) |
| 195. Inflammation | 242. Pneumonia |
| 196. Injection (shot) | 243. Poison |
| 197. Injury | 244. Positive |
| 198. Inpatient | 245. Pregnant |
| 199. Insulin | 246. Premature |
| 200. Intravenous (IV drip) | 247. Prescription |
| 201. Invasive | 248. Procedure |
| 202. Iodine | 249. Prognosis |
| 203. Irritation | 250. Prostate |
| 204. Laboratory | 251. Psychological (mental) |
| 205. Lesion | 252. PTSD |
| 206. Life Expectancy | 253. Pulmonary |
| 207. Limb | 254. Pulse |
| 208. Male | 255. Rash |
| 209. Malignant | 256. Recovery |
| 210. Maximum | 257. Recurrence |
| 211. Measles | 258. Reduce |
| 212. Medicine | 259. Rehabilitation (rehab) |

260.	Relieve	265.	Scab
261.	Renal	266.	Sensitive
262.	Respiration	267.	Shot (injection)
263.	Risk factor	268.	Sick (ill)
264.	Sample	269.	Slurring
270.	Sneezing	312.	Wheelchair
271.	Sore	313.	Wound
272.	Specimen	314.	X-ray
273.	Spinal		
274.	Sprained		
275.	Stable		
276.	Standard (normal, regular)		
277.	Sterile		
278.	Stethoscope		
279.	Stimulate		
280.	Strain		
281.	Stress		
282.	Stretcher		
283.	Stroke		
284.	Suffer (from ~)		
285.	Survive		
286.	Swollen		
287.	Symptoms		
288.	Syndrome		
289.	Syringe		
290.	Temperature		
291.	Test results		
292.	Therapy		
293.	Tissue		
294.	Toothache		
295.	Toxic		
296.	Trauma		
297.	Treatment		
298.	Tumor		
299.	Ulcer		
300.	Ultrasound		
301.	Unconscious		
302.	Undergo		
303.	Underweight		
304.	Unhealthy		
305.	Urinate (pee)		
306.	Vaccine		
307.	Vein		
308.	Virus		
309.	Vomiting		
310.	Walker		
311.	Weight		

Appendix B**Medical Vocabulary: Antonyms & Synonyms Worksheet****I. Match these words to their antonyms (opposite meanings):**

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Acute | a. Abnormal |
| 2. Artery | b. Adult |
| 3. Asleep | c. Awake |
| 4. Benign | d. Bath |
| 5. Breathing | e. Bowel movement |
| 6. Child | f. Choking |
| 7. Cold | g. Chronic |
| 8. Conscious | h. Cool |
| 9. Constipation | i. Cure |
| 10. Disease | j. Death |
| 11. Doctor | k. Diarrhea |
| 12. External | l. Female |
| 13. Healthy | m. Heal |
| 14. Headache | n. Heatstroke |
| 15. Height | o. Hot |
| 16. Hypothermia | p. Internal |
| 17. Injure | q. Malignant |
| 18. Inpatient | r. Mental |
| 19. Life | s. Minimum |
| 20. Maximum | t. Negative |
| 21. Male | u. Outpatient |
| 22. Normal | v. Overweight |
| 23. Physical | w. Patient |
| 24. Pill | x. Shot |
| 25. Positive | y. Stomachache |
| 26. Shower | z. Unconscious |
| 27. Underweight | aa. Unhealthy |
| 28. Urinate | bb. Vein |
| 29. Warm | cc. Weight |

II. Match these words to their synonyms (same/similar meanings):

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Aged | a) Baby |
| 2. Bandage | b) Butt, ass |
| 3. Bottom | c) Child |
| 4. Broken | d) Doctor |
| 5. Disease | e) Elderly |
| 6. Fever | f) Fractured |
| 7. Fluid | g) Gauze |
| 8. Heal | h) High temperature |
| 9. Hurt | i) Illness, sickness |
| 10. Indigestion | j) Injection |
| 11. Infant | k) Injured |
| 12. Kid | l) Liquid |
| 13. Nasal congestion | m) Normal, regular |
| 14. Operation | n) Recover |
| 15. Physician | o) Stomachache |
| 16. Shot | p) Stuffy nose |
| 17. Standard | q) Surgery |

Appendix C

Medical Vocabulary: Misfits Worksheet

Circle the word that doesn't belong in the group:

Height	weight	pulse	symptoms	blood-pressure	temperature
Stethoscope	needle	syringe	IV drip	bandage	stroke
Nausea	vomiting	diarrhea	constipation	the flu	fatigue
Orthopedic	cane	crutches	wheelchair	cast	stretcher
Coughing	sneezing	runny-nose	fever	sore-throat	cold
Dizzy	poison	dehydrated	hypothermia	heatstroke	sprained
Caregiver	nurse	patient	midwife	therapist	physician
Numb	hurt	broken	bleeding	swollen	heal
Prognosis	diagnosis	test results	specimen	treatment	rehab
Sore	rash	sensitive	infected	disease	ache
Infection	indigestion	prescription	addiction	inflammation	constipation
Depression	respiration	circulation	operation	examination	injection
Wrist	bottom, butt	ankle	elbow	knee	neck
Heart	lung	liver	kidney	skin	stomach
Bellybutton	nostril	cheek	chin	forehead	tongue
Sole	toe	thigh	thumb	calf	heel
Measles	mumps	epidemic	chicken pox	pneumonia	AIDS
Syndrome	disorder	condition	disease	alleviate	pathology

Appendix D

Medical Vocabulary: Matching Worksheet

I. Match these departments to their medical focus:

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| 1. Cardiology | a. Accidents |
| 2. Dermatology | b. Bones |
| 3. ER | c. Bladder |
| 4. Gastroenterology | d. Blood |
| 5. Geriatrics | e. Cancer |
| 6. Hematology | f. Children |
| 7. Microbiology | g. Eyes |
| 8. Neonatal | h. Heart |
| 9. Nephrology | i. Infants |
| 10. Neurology | j. Intestines & Stomach |
| 11. Obstetrics | k. Joint pain |
| 12. Oncology | l. Kidneys |
| 13. Ophthalmology | m. Prescriptions |
| 14. Orthopedic | n. Mental |
| 15. Pediatric | o. Nerves & Brain |
| 16. Pharmacy | p. Old age |
| 17. Psychiatry | q. Pregnancy |
| 18. Physiotherapy | r. Rehabilitation |
| 19. Radiotherapy | s. Skin |
| 20. Rheumatology | t. Viruses |
| 21. Urology | u. X-ray, MRI |

II. Match these words to their collocations (make a pair):

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Allergic | a. Arrest |
| 2. Alzheimer's | b. Attack |
| 3. Benign | c. Bone |
| 4. Blood | d. Cancer |
| 5. Bowel | e. Care |
| 6. Breast | f. Condition |
| 7. Broken | g. Congestion |
| 8. Cardiac | h. Decay |
| 9. Critical | i. Disease |
| 10. Drug | j. Expectancy |
| 11. Follow-up | k. Factor |
| 12. Heart | l. Feeding |
| 13. Immune | m. Killer |
| 14. Intensive | n. Movement |
| 15. Life | o. Nose |
| 16. Lung | p. Overdose |
| 17. Maternity | q. Pressure |
| 18. Nasal | r. Reaction |
| 19. Pain | s. Results |
| 20. Risk | t. System |
| 21. Runny | u. Throat |
| 22. Sore | v. Tumor |
| 23. Test | w. Visit |
| 24. Tooth | x. Ward |

Note: Although "Breast Cancer" is a valid pair, it is NOT the answer for this exercise, so please choose another match for "Breast ~" and for "~ Cancer"

Appendix E

Hospital Departments Word Search

C Y Y F G T N E M E G A N A M N I A P E Y R
 V D H O U A M V L Y V Q W K S O Q Q N A G H
 S B R C Q N S G Y N E C O L O G Y G G R O E
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GYNECOLOGY

HEMATOLOGY

INTENSIVE CARE

MATERNITY

MICROBIOLOGY

NEONATAL

NEPHROLOGY

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