

Antibiotics Version A

Sometimes when you are sick, a doctor will give you a prescription for an antibiotic.

An antibiotic is used to cure an illness caused by bacteria. The antibiotic kills the bacteria that are making you sick. Some common illnesses caused by bacteria are ear infections, strep throat, pneumonia, diarrhea, and urinary tract infections.

You can also _____ from a _____. Some _____ caused by _____ are _____ and the _____. Viruses _____ bacteria are _____. _____ an antibiotic _____ a _____ by a _____ will _____ make you _____ and will _____ the virus.

Sometimes taking an antibiotic when you are sick from a virus can hurt you. If you see a doctor, you should ask if you are sick from bacteria or a virus. The doctor will only give you an antibiotic if you are sick from bacteria.

_____ you are taking an _____, it is very _____ to _____ the _____. If you don't _____ the _____, the bacteria can become _____ and _____ make _____ sick _____. Some _____ say to _____ the antibiotic _____ a _____ of days. _____ directions say to _____ of the _____ it is _____.