flu Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed. NAmE [flu] flu [flu flus] BrE [flu] (often the flu) (also formal in·flu·enza) noun uncountable an infectious disease like a very bad cold, that causes fever, pains and weakness • The whole family has the flu. • (BrE) She's got flu. See also: finfluenza Word Origin: mid 19th cent .: abbreviation Collocations: Illnesses Becoming ill catch a cold/an infectious disease/the flu/(BrE) flu/pneumonia/a virus/(informal) a bug get (BrE) ill/(NAmE) sick/a disease/AIDS/breast cancer/a cold/the flu/(BrE) flu/a migraine come down with a cold/the flu/(BrE) flu contract a deadly disease/a serious illness/HIV/AIDS be infected with a virus/a parasite/HIV develop cancer/diabetes/a rash/an ulcer/symptoms of hepatitis have a heart attack/a stroke provoke/trigger/produce an allergic reaction block/burst/rupture a blood vessel damage /sever a nerve/an artery/a tendon Being ill feel (BrE) ill/sick/nauseous/queasy be running (BrE) a temperature/(NAmE) a fever have a head cold/diabetes/heart disease/lung cancer/a headache/(BrE) a high temperature/(NAmE) a fever suffer from asthma/malnutrition/frequent headaches/bouts of depression/a mental disorder be laid up with/ (BrE) be in bed with a cold/the flu/(BrE) flu/a migraine nurse a cold/a headache/a hangover battle/fight cancer/depression/addiction/alcoholism Treatments examine a patient diagnose a condition/disease/disorder be diagnosed with cancer/diabetes/schizophrenia prescribe/be given/be on/take drugs/medicine/medication/pills/painkillers/antibiotics treat sb for cancer/depression/shock have/undergo an examination/an operation/surgery/a kidney transplant/therapy/chemotherapy/treatment for cancer have/be given an injection/(BrE) a flu jab/(NAmE) a flu shot/a blood transfusion/a scan/an X-ray cure a disease/an ailment/cancer/a headache/a patient prevent the spread of disease/further outbreaks/damage to the lungs be vaccinated against the flu/(BrE) flu/the measles/(BrE) measles/polio/smallpox enhance/boost/confer/build immunity to a disease

Example Bank:

She was off work for four days because of a bout with the flu.

• She's had a nasty dose of flu.

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flu /flu BrE AmE noun [uncountable]

Date: 1800-1900, Origin: influenza

a common illness that makes you feel very tired and weak, gives you a sore throat, and makes you cough and have to clear your nose a lot SYN influenza:

- Steven's still in bed with flu.
- She's got the flu.
- I couldn't go because I <u>had flu</u>.

a flu virus/bug

- the spread of the flu virus
- Doctors now fear a <u>flu epidemic</u>.

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