**Vocabulary**

**stitches  ( noun )**

Definition: Tiny loops of thread that a doctor uses to close a cut.

Example: The doctor put stitches in my knee after I fell off my bike.

**sutures  ( noun )**

Definition: Another word for stitches.

Example: The doctor used sutures to close the cut on my hand.

**dissolve  ( verb )**

Definition: To melt away or disappear.

Example: Sugar dissolves in water.

**vicryl  ( adjective )**

Definition: A type of stitch that dissolves in your skin.

Example: The doctor used vicryl stitches so I wouldn't have to go back to get them taken out.

**urgent  ( adjective )**

Definition: Something that needs to be done right away.

Example: If you have a deep cut, you might need to go to an urgent care center.

**bandage  ( noun )**

Definition: A strip of material used to cover and protect a wound.

Example: The nurse put a bandage on my cut.

**heal  ( verb )**

Definition: To become healthy again after an injury or illness.

Example: The cut on my hand is starting to heal.

**edges  ( noun )**

Definition: The outer limits of something.

Example: The edges of the paper were torn.

**numb  ( adjective )**

Definition: Having lost the feeling of touch.

Example: The dentist gave me a shot to numb my tooth.

**knot  ( noun )**

Definition: A tangle or fastening made by tying a piece of string or rope.

Example: The sailor tied a knot in the rope.

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| 1. Stitches\_\_\_ | a. A special type of medical thread that disappears naturally in the body over time |
| 1. Sutures\_\_\_ | b. To break down and disappear, usually in liquid |
| 1. dissolve\_\_\_ | c. A piece of material used to cover and protect a wound |
| 1. Vicryl\_\_\_ | d. Thread loops used by doctors to close wounds |
| 1. urgent\_\_\_ | e. Unable to feel anything; without sensation |
| 1. bandage\_\_\_ | f. The medical term for stitches; thread used to sew wounds closed |
| 1. heal\_\_\_ | g. To become healthy again; to recover from an injury |
| 1. numb\_\_\_ | h. Needing immediate attention or treatment |
| 1. knot\_\_\_ | i. A tie made in thread or string to keep it secure |

**Part 2: Fill in the Gaps**

Complete the sentences using the vocabulary words. Use each word only once:

1. After falling off my bike, I needed to go to the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ care center right away.
2. The doctor used \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (2 words) to close the deep cut on my arm.
3. The nurse put a clean \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ on my wound to keep it protected.
4. Modern \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ materials can \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in your body, so they don't need to be removed.
5. The doctor tied a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the end of the thread to keep the wound closed.
6. The local anesthetic made my skin feel \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ during the procedure.
7. It took about two weeks for the cut to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ completely.

**Part 3: Discussion Questions**

Work with a partner and discuss:

1. Have you ever had stitches? What happened?
2. What are the advantages of using vicryl sutures instead of traditional ones?
3. Why do you think it's important to keep a bandage clean and dry?
4. What should you do if you notice signs that your wound isn't healing properly?

**Part 4: Word Building**

Complete the table with different forms of the words:

Create a mind map using these medical terms and add any other related vocabulary you know about wound care and treatment.

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| Verb | Noun | Adjective |
| Heal | Healing | healed |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Urgency | urgent |
| Dissolve | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | disolvable |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | numbness | numb |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | bandage | bandaged |

**Answer Key for Teachers:**

Part 1: Word Matching

1. d
2. f
3. b
4. a
5. h
6. c
7. g
8. e
9. i

Part 2: Fill in the Gaps

1. urgent
2. surgical sutures
3. bandage
4. vicryl, dissolve
5. knot
6. numb
7. heal

Part 4: Word Building

* urge, urgency, urgent
* dissolve, dissolution, dissolvable
* numb, numbness, numb
* bandage, bandage, bandaged