

Chapter 3 : American Healthcare in Crisis

In this chapter, we will study the healthcare system in the United States and examine why the for-profit model is under scrutiny. By the end of this chapter, you should be able to understand how the system works and why it is increasingly criticised. You will also be able to explain the current health crises affecting the United States (such as the opioid epidemic and the obesity crisis) and identify some possible solutions.

💡 Idioms related to physical health

Fill in the blanks with the words from the list. Each word is used once.

Pink, under, dust, kicked/kicking, doctor, feet

When someone is in good health, this person is said to be “alive and”, or this person is “in the of health”

If you’re feeling sick, you can say that you are feeling the weather. If you recover, you are back on your

If someone died, this person has the bucket, or this person bit the

“An apple a day, keeps the away”

Document 1: Article taken from Vocable (The Guardian)

‘It didn’t use to be like this’: woeful US healthcare system exposed

- 1) Before reading the text
 - a) What does “it didn’t use to be like this” suggest?
 - i) That it was better before
 - ii) That it will be better in the future
 - iii) That it was already bad in the past

- 2) Understanding the text

After reading the text, create a bullet-point list of the essential elements. Organise by listing the FACTS/PROBLEMS, the CAUSE, the CONSEQUENCE (people’s perception) and SOME POSITIVE ASPECTS

- 3) Summarising the text

Write a summary of the text, organise your paragraph (100-150 words)