**The difference between *sick* and *ill***

To most people, both *sick* and *ill* more or less mean the same thing, that you are not in a healthy condition.

*Sick* is less formal than *ill* and usually describes short-term ailments or diseases (like a cold or cough). *Sick* can also refer to feeling nauseous. In British English, *to be sick* can mean to *vomit*.

*Ill* is often for more serious health problems (like cancer or pneumonia) but can also be used for short-term ones.

*Illness* (noun) refers to a medical condition. *Sickness* (noun) refers to how you feel.

**The difference between *ache* and *pain***

**ACHE** is a continuous or **prolonged** dull pain in a part of the body. It can often be a throbbing sensation that covers more than one point. You can sometimes try and ignore an ache.

**PAIN** is physical suffering or discomfort caused by illness or injury. It is usually a sharp sensation in a specific part of the body and hurts more than an ache.