

1. ABDOMEN

Do you feel any / a ... pain in your abdomen?

aching	constant	dull	intermittent	sharp	burning	cramping
flank	localised	stabbing	colicky	diffused	gnawing	recurrent

Do you get / feel bloated?

Do you have any **heartburn** / indigestion?

Do you keep **retching** or do you actually vomit?

Match the kinds of pain with their synonyms:

- a) acute - 1 continuous
- b) circumscribed - 2 very painful
- c) constant - 3 not sharp
- d) constricting - 4 not moving
- e) cramp - 5 burning
- f) diffused - 6 coming and going
- g) dull - 7 tingling, pricking sensation
- h) excruciating - 8 painful, spasmodic muscle contraction
- i) fixed - 9 squeezing, tight
- j) intermittent - 10 tender, painful
- k) piercing - 11 sharp, penetrating
- l) pins and needles - 12 extremely painful
- m) pounding - 13 limited to one area
- n) severe - 14 throbbing, beating, pulsating
- o) sore - 15 widespread, not localised
- p) stinging - 16 short, sharp, severe, lancing, cutting
- q) vague discomfort - 17 uncomfortable sensation lacking painfulness

retch - to behave and sound as if you are being sick (= bringing food and drink up from your stomach and out through your mouth), without in fact doing this

heartburn - a pain that feels like burning in your chest and is a type of indigestion