Biopsychosocial model	A model in which health and illness result from a combination of biological, behavioral, and social factors. (page 427)
Body mass index (BMI)	A ratio of body weight to height, used to measure obesity. (This term is in your book, but not listed as a key term)
Daily hassles	Everyday irritations that cause small disruptions and can have effects that can add up to a large impact on health. (page 443)

Distress	Stress that occurs from negative events. (page 441)
Emotion-focused coping	A type of coping in which people try to prevent having an emotional response to a stressor. (page 451)
Eustress	Stress that occurs from positive events. (page 441)

The physiological preparedness to deal with danger. Fight-or-flight response (page 447) General adaptation syndrome A consistent pattern of responses to stress that consists of three stages: alarm, Stress resistance, and exhaustion. (page 444) A field that integrates research on health and on psychology; it involves the application of Health psychology psychological principles to promote health and well-being. (page 426)

Immune system	The body's mechanism for destroying invading microorganisms, such as allergens, bacteria, and viruses. (page 444)
Major life stressors	Large disruptions, especially unpredictable and uncontrollable catastrophic events, that affect central areas of people's lives. (page 442)
Obesity	A level of excessive body fat for an individual that places that person at risk for health problems. (page 429)

Positive psychology	The study of the strengths and virtues that allow people and communities to thrive. (page 453)
Primary appraisals	Decisions about whether a stimulus is stressful or not. (page 451)
Problem-focused coping	A type of coping in which people take direct steps to confront or minimize a stressor. (page 451)

Safer sex	Sexual behaviors that decrease the likelihood of contracting a sexually transmitted infection. (page 437)
Secondary appraisals	Decisions about how to manage and respond to a stressful stimulus. (page 451)
Sexually transmitted infections (STIs)	Infections that can be but are not always transmitted from one person to another through sexual contact. (page 435)

The set of behavioral, mental, and physical processes that occur as an organism attempts to deal with an environmental **Stress** event or a stimulus that it perceives as threatening. (page 440) Behavioral, mental, and/or physical responses to **Stress Response** stressors. (page 441) **Stressor** An environmental event or stimulus that an organism perceives as threatening. (page 440)

Tend-and-befriend response

Females' tendency to respond to stressors by protecting and caring for their offspring and forming social alliances. (page 447)

Type A behavior pattern



A set of characteristics describing people who are competitive, achievement oriented, aggressive, hostile, restless, impatient with others, and unable to relax. (page 449)

Type B behavior pattern

A set of characteristics describing people who are noncompetitive, relaxed, easygoing, and accommodating.

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A positive state that includes striving for optimal health and Well-being life satisfaction. (page 426) Warning: not all of the key ideas are on this list of key terms