Writing: text completion
Complete the story below using the correct form of the verbs in the box. You will have to use some of the verbs more than once.

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Every cloud has a silver lining

As a child, I always seemed to be sick. Just as I was (1) __________________ one illness, I would (2) __________________ something else. My mum worried that I would fall behind because I was missing so much school. But I didn’t care – I loved staying in my room, scribbling in my notebook, letting my imagination take flight.

When I was about twelve, I (3) __________________ scarlet fever. Mum was beside herself. She placed cool flannels on my forehead to try (4) __________________ my temperature. When she left the room, I removed the flannel from my forehead and carried on writing. Five minutes later she would come back and open the window, hoping the breeze would (5) __________________ me __________________. I ignored the breeze and carried on writing. In the end, it took me weeks (6) __________________ the illness. I missed a whole half a term of school. But I didn’t care, because while I was lying in bed, I finished my first novel. The title? *Every cloud has a silver lining.*
KEY

1. getting over
2. go down with
3. went down with
4. to bring down
5. cool, down
6. to fight off