

Vocabulary

Illnesses: headache / earache / stomach ache / toothache / sore throat / rash / itchy skin / burning sensation / temperature / fever / cold / cough / runny nose / vomiting / throwing up / dizzy / faint / trouble breathing / achy joints / achy muscles / high/low blood pressure / allergic to / allergies / twisted / sprained / fractured / broken ankle/leg/arm/wrist / nosebleed / cut / wound / scratch / scar

People: patient / doctor / nurse / surgeon / pediatrician / GP (general practitioner) (BrE) / family doctor (AmE) / specialist / pharmacist / physician / midwife / dentist / orthodontist

Places: doctor's / dentist's / hospital / doctor's surgery (BrE) / doctor's office (AmE) / A&E (accident & emergency) (BrE) / emergency room (AmE) / pharmacy / chemist's (BrE) / drugstore (AmE) / waiting room / hospital ward / intensive care

Medicines: cream / syrup / pills / tablets / lozenges / cough drops (AmE) / eye drops / bandage / stitches / cast / crutches / wheelchair / plaster (BrE) / Band-Aid (AmE) / painkiller / injection / shot / drugs

Verbs: I am... sick / ill / allergic to... / I have a... cold / broken leg / rash / I have... broken / sprained / twisted my ankle / I feel... dizzy / sick / feverish / I've been... throwing up / vomiting / eating less / feeling terrible

Pair Discussion

Imagine that you are a doctor. Your partner will be the patient. Listen to your partner's symptoms. Give your partner advice to help them get better.

* You can find a sample dialogue on the January-February 2017 CD.

Language for Giving Advice

You should...

You should try to...

Try not to...

You shouldn't...

I would suggest that you...

I recommend that you...

I think / In my opinion...

Never / Always...

I advise you to...

• Language Point

The question "What brings you in today?" is often used by doctors. It is usually the first question they ask. It means "Why are you here?" So the response would be talking about your symptoms in a general way.

e.g. "What brings you in today?"

"I've been feeling really ill."

Personal Questions

- What brings you in today? "I feel... / I have... / I've been feeling / I am... / I think I have..."
- What are your symptoms? "I have a rash / sore throat / fever / I'm in pain / I feel dizzy / I can't hear well / my leg hurts / I've been vomiting..."
- What hurts? "My head / throat / leg / neck / mostly my... / mainly my... / in particular my..."
- How long have you felt like this? "I've felt like this since... / for about... / for a long time / not for very long / for ages / I think since... / I guess about..."
- Are you allergic to any medicines? "I don't think so / definitely not / I'm pretty sure that... / I know I'm allergic to... / I'm certain that..."
- Have you felt like this before? "Yes, once / many times / I've never... / only when I... / I think this is the first time... / I don't think so... / several times... / a long time ago... / it usually happens when... / I used to..."

Bridge

