



FUNCTION: TALKING ABOUT MEDICAL PROBLEMS

Read the dialog with a partner.

Clerk: May I help you?

PVT Olsen: I'd like to see a doctor, please.

Clerk: Sure. May I see your ID?

PVT Olsen: Yes. Here it is.

Clerk: Do we have your medical records here?

PVT Olsen: No, I've never been here before.

Clerk: Okay. Then I need to get some information from you. How old are you?

PVT Olsen: I'm twenty.

Clerk: Where do you work?

PVT Olsen: I'm with DLI.

Clerk: Do you smoke?

PVT Olsen: No. I stopped before I joined the army.

Clerk: Good. Have you taken any medication?

PVT Olsen: I took two aspirin this morning.

Clerk: Are you allergic to any drugs, like penicillin?

PVT Olsen: I don't think so.

Clerk: Describe your symptoms.

PVT Olsen: I have a fever, and I feel dizzy. I also have a sore throat and a headache.

Clerk: Okay. Have a seat. In a few minutes, the nurse will check your temperature, blood pressure, and pulse. Afterwards, the doctor will examine you.

EXERCISE A

Match the sentences that have similar meanings.

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| _____ 1. Do any drugs make you sick? | a. I sprained my ankle. |
| _____ 2. Please sit down. | b. Are you taking any medications? |
| _____ 3. Write your name here. | c. I got an order for some medicine. |
| _____ 4. What's the matter? | d. Do you have a fever? |
| _____ 5. Do you have a temperature? | e. Please sign in. |
| _____ 6. Are you taking any pills? | f. Have a seat. |
| _____ 7. He wrote me a prescription. | g. Are you allergic to any medicine? |
| _____ 8. I injured my ankle. | h. What are your symptoms? |

EXERCISE B**NOTES**

Read the answer. Then, choose the correct question.

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| 1. Yes, my stomach hurts.
a. When is sick call?
b. Why is your nose bleeding?
c. Do you feel ill? | 6. Yes, penicillin.
a. Did you eat lunch today?
b. Do you run every day?
c. Are you allergic to any drug? |
| 2. I think I will, thanks.
a. Do you want to lie down?
b. Did you go by yourself?
c. When's the doctor coming? | 7. I was barbecuing a steak.
a. How did you get this burn?
b. Why are you bleeding?
c. Why did you wipe the mirror? |
| 3. Yesterday afternoon.
a. Whose seat is this?
b. When did you see the doctor?
c. Who's going to sick call? | 8. No, not very well.
a. Will you take a seat?
b. Did you sign in?
c. Can you breathe? |
| 4. Yes, I do. I take this pill every day.
a. Are you going by yourself?
b. Do they have your record?
c. Do you take any medication? | 9. You're nervous.
a. Why is my pulse so fast?
b. Is the lab on this floor?
c. Are your injuries serious? |
| 5. I feel dizzy and have a fever.
a. Do you have any records?
b. When is sick call?
c. What are your symptoms? | 10. Just a little.
a. What's the doctor's name?
b. Will it hurt?
c. Where's my prescription? |

EXERCISE C

With your group, think of possible answers to the questions.

What are some common allergies?

What do you do for muscle aches?

What would a doctor tell a patient with a fever?

What do you do for a cold or flu?

What information would you find in a medical record?