Symptoms & common illnesses 2

Exercise 1.

Many illnesses also have informal names. Match the informal and formal names listed below. The first one has been done for you as an example.

INFORMAL	FORMAL
1. Chickenpox is the same as	allergic rhinitis
2. A cold is the same as	infectious parotitis
3. The flu is the same as	coryza
4. German measles is the same as	influenza
5. Hay fever is the same as	rubella
6. Measles is the same as	rubeola
7. Mumps is the same as	pertussis
8. Whooping cough is the same as	varicella

Exercise 2.

Complete these six conversations between doctors and patients by writing in the name of the illness. Use the informal terms from the table above.

1. What seems to be the trouble?
   My eyes and my nose are running all the time.
   I feel terrible.
   When did this begin?
   At the beginning of July.
   It's probably just .....

2. What's the problem?
   It's my son. He's got a rash and swelling in his armpits.
   Does he have a fever?
   Yes.
   Hmm. He may have.....

3. How are you feeling?
   I've got this terrible cough.
   Mm-hmm.
   And after I cough I make a noise when I try to breathe.
   Sounds like .....

4. How are you today?
   Oh, not very well. I've got a cough and a terrible cold.
   Do you have a fever?
   Umm, yes I do.
   It's probably a touch of .....

5. What's the problem?
   It's my daughter. She's got a fever and this swelling.
   Where's the swelling?
   In her throat.
   It could be.....

6. So, what can I do for you?
   It's the twins. They're covered in these dreadful red spots.
   Are they experiencing any itching?
   Yes, they are.
   It may be.....

Extension. Practise the conversations with a partner.

For reference see A & C Black *Dictionary of Medical Terms* (0 7136 7603 5).

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