

## British English: Listening Comprehension 15

### Perfect Health



(7:26)

This is the third video at the pre-intermediate level. There is no accompanying lesson with this video, and there is only one new vocabulary word: *punting*, which refers to propelling a flat-bottomed boat with a pole, commonly in shallow rivers.

#### Watch the video and summarize the events.

- 1) What symptoms does Helen have? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Helen isn't really sick. Why did she pretend? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) What medicine did the others bring her?

David:	Jane:	Matt:
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- 4) What did Simon have? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) What is homeopathic medicine? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Do you like tennis? \_\_\_\_\_ What is Wimbledon? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Why does Helen end with "Game, set, match"? What does that mean? \_\_\_\_\_

- 8) Below is a transcript of the video. Listen again—just the audio below—and fill in the blanks. Some blanks should be filled with multiple words.

**Helen (voice over):** Mornings aren't my favourite time of day, but some mornings are definitely worse than others.

**David:** Where's Helen?

**Matt:** Dunno.

**Jane:** Perhaps we should go and call her.

**Matt:** \_\_\_\_\_.

[Helen enters, coughing.]

**David:** Are you alright?

**Helen:** Not really. I keep sneezing. I can't stop coughing. My whole body \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matt:** You've got a cold.

**David:** Thank you, Doctor.

**Jane:** Or flu. Have you got a temperature? ... Well, you don't feel hot.

**Helen:** My temperature keeps going up and down. I feel \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matt:** Have something to drink.

**Helen:** It hurts when I \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matt:** You should drink something. I'll make you a cup of tea.

**David:** Have you taken anything for it yet? Aspirin? Paracetamol?

**Helen:** There \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jane:** What about homeopathic medicine?

**David:** Homeopathic?

**Jane:** It's better than aspirin. I'll get you something on the way home. I have to go to work now.

**Helen:** Me too.

**Jane:** You're not going anywhere like that.

**Matt:** You must go back to bed.

**David:** I'll telephone the office for you.

**Jane:** Just keep warm, drink lots. I'll see you this evening.

**Matt:** You go up now and I'll bring you the tea on my way out.

**Helen:** OK.

**Matt:** Here you are.

**Helen:** Oh, thank you.

**Matt:** Take it easy. I'll bring you some \_\_\_\_\_ later.

**Helen:** Thanks.

**Jane:** Helen. It's only me.

**Helen:** Hello.

**Jane:** Hello. How are you feeling?

**Helen:** A little better. My \_\_\_\_\_ gone.

**Jane:** Have you been in bed since this morning?

**Helen:** I felt too weak to get up.

**Jane:** Have you eaten anything?

**Helen:** No, I haven't.

**Jane:** Have you had anything to drink?

**Helen:** I had a cup of tea at about one o'clock.

**Jane:** So, you haven't had anything to drink for five hours?

**David:** Hello.

**Jane:** We're up here! You have to drink a lot when you have flu. And you really should try to eat something.

**Helen:** Sorry.

**David:** Hi. How are you feeling?

**Helen:** A bit better.

**David:** Got you some \_\_\_\_\_.

**Helen:** Oh, thanks.

**Jane:** Actually, I've got you this. It's much better.

**Helen:** What is it?

**Jane:** Homeopathic medicine. Especially for colds.

**David:** What do you mean it's much better?

**Jane:** It contains only natural ingredients.

**David:** I bet it tastes \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jane:** At least it's not full of chemicals.

**David:** Aspirin's very effective. It's been around for years.

**Jane:** So has \_\_\_\_\_.

**Helen:** Please, you two.

**Matt:** There you are. Vitamin C. The perfect cold cure.

[Later, Matt brings a tray of food for Helen.]

**Matt:** I've brought you some soup.

**Helen:** Oh, thanks Matt, but I'm not really hungry.

**Matt:** But you haven't eaten since last night.

**Helen:** Sorry.

**Matt:** I don't think you should go to work tomorrow.

**Helen:** I don't know. Perhaps you're right.

**Matt:** You can stay here and watch the tennis.

**Helen:** Tennis?

**Matt:** Yeah, Wimbledon.

[Doorbell rings.]

**Helen:** Who's that?

**Matt:** It's Simon.

**Helen:** Oh no, I look awful. Don't let him come up yet. Matt!

**Matt:** Oh, right.

**Jane:** Here's the patient.

**Simon:** How are you feeling?

**Helen:** Not too bad. You know, up and down.

**Simon:** I didn't know you weren't well. I've got some tickets to see a \_\_\_\_\_ tonight. Oh well, never mind.

**Helen:** I can still go.

**Jane:** No you can't. Don't be silly.

**Simon:** Jane's right. You shouldn't go out when you've got flu. You have to stay in bed.

**Helen:** But what about the tickets?

**Simon:** It \_\_\_\_\_ about them.

**David:** It's a pity to waste them. Why don't you go with someone else?

**Helen:** What?

**David:** Well, Jane could have your ticket and she could go with Simon.

**Simon:** That's not a bad idea.

**Matt:** Yeah. Go on, Jane.

**Helen:** Look, I'm feeling much better.

**Simon:** Hey, stay there. You must keep warm.

**Jane:** OK. I'll go and get ready.

**Simon:** We can go another time.

**Helen (voice over):** So, I didn't get to see the salsa band with Simon. Game, set and match to Jane.