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:

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? _____

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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