# VISITING THE DOCTOR



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## 1 Warm up

**In pairs, discuss the following questions.**

1. What are some common reasons people visit the doctor?
2. How do you feel when you have to go to the doctor's office? Are you usually nervous or calm?
3. What kinds of questions do doctors typically ask during a consultation?





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## 2 Symptoms and conditions

**Match the symptoms with the pictures below.**

allergy
coughing
earache
headache
sneezing
sore throat
stomach ache
toothache


1. _____


2. _____


3. _____


4. _____


5. _____


6. _____


7. _____


8. _____

## 3 Treatments

**Match the problems on the left with the possible treatments on the right.**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | I have a cold. | a. | Don't go outside. |
| 2. | I have a stomach ache. | b. | Use a glass of warm salt water. |
| 3. | I have an allergy. | c. | Take an aspirin. |
| 4. | I have a toothache. | d. | Get some rest and drink lots of water. |
| 5. | I have a headache. | e. | Take some indigestion tablets. |

**Work in pairs. Read one of the problems above. Your partner should give you advice about treatment. Change roles and continue the exercise.**



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## 4 Listening comprehension

**Part A: Read the statements below. Listen to the dialogues and put T (true) or F (false) next to each one.**

### Dialogue 1

1. Kate has a terrible stomach ache. _____
2. She feels sick. _____
3. The symptoms started last week. _____
4. She ate something bad last night. _____
5. The doctor does not give her a prescription. _____

### Dialogue 2

1. Kate feels good. _____
2. She has a headache and a sore throat. _____
3. She feels sick. _____
4. She has an earache. _____
5. The doctor thinks that she has a cold. _____
6. The doctor advises her to go home and rest. _____
7. The doctor gives her a prescription for aspirin. _____
8. The doctor gives her a prescription for indigestion tablets. _____





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**Part B: Now complete the dialogues below. Listen to check your answers.**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| allergies | cold | earache | headache | prescription |
| sick | sneeze | stomach ache | symptoms | throat |

**Dialogue:** **1**

**Doctor:** Good morning. Please have a seat here. What's the problem?

**Kate:** I have a terrible _____[1].

**Doctor:** Do you have any other _____[2]?

**Kate:** Yes, I feel _____[3].

**Doctor:** And when did the symptoms start?

**Kate:** This morning. I think I ate something bad last night.

**Doctor:** All right. Here's a _____[4] for indigestion tablets. If that doesn't help, please make another appointment.

**Dialogue:** **2**

**Doctor:** How do you feel today?

**Kate:** I feel terrible. I have a _____[5] and a sore _____[6].

**Doctor:** Do you feel sick?

**Kate:** No, I don't feel sick. Sorry, I have to _____[7]. ATCHOO!

**Doctor:** Do you have an _____[8]?

**Kate:** No, I don't.

**Doctor:** Do you have any _____[9]?

**Kate:** No, I don't think so

**Doctor:** I think you have a _____[10]. My advice is: go home and get some rest. Here's a prescription for aspirin. And here's another prescription for cough syrup.

**In pairs, read the dialogues.**


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## 5 Talking point

**Discuss any of the following questions.**

1. What do you usually do when you feel sick? Do you see a doctor or do something else?
2. What do you think are some important questions to ask the doctor when you visit?
3. In your opinion, what are some things people can do to stay healthy and avoid going to the doctor often?
4. Do you think it's important to visit the doctor regularly even if you're not feeling sick? Why or why not?


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