

Speaking practice- A doctor's appointment

1 Put the words in 1–5 in the correct order to form questions. Then match them with answers a–f.

0 pain / when / start / the / did?

When did the pain start?

☐ f

1 other / have / do / symptoms / you / any?

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2 does / if / push / I / here / hurt / it?

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3 dizzy / you / feel / do?

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4 ever / you / rash / had / a / have?

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5 time / when / were / was / last / the / you / ill?

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a About six months ago. I had a bad cough.

b Yes, as well as the headache, I feel sick.

c No, never. This is the first time.

d Yes, it feels like the room is spinning.

e Ouch! Yes, it does.

f Yesterday, when I got home from school.

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2 Cross out the option that is not possible in each sentence. Then write *D* for something a doctor would say or *P* for something a patient would say.

- 1 I'm going to *give you a prescription* / *give you indigestion* / *make an appointment for you.* ☐
- 2 I feel *ill* / *weak* / *temperature.* ☐
- 3 I've got a *sick* / *sore throat* / *runny nose.* ☐
- 4 I'm going to *examine you* / *take your temperature* / *lie down please.* ☐
- 5 I think you've got a *virus* / *a blood test* / *indigestion.* ☐
- 6 You should *open wide* / *eat more slowly* / *go on a diet.* ☐
- 7 Breathe *in* / *out* / *down.* ☐

3 Put the conversation in the correct order.

- ☒ 1 Good morning. Please come in and sit down. Max, is it?
- ☐ Well, let's take a look. Lie down, please. If I push here does it hurt?
- ☐ Yes, I've got a runny nose and a sore throat and I feel very weak.
- ☐ Actually, no. Not there either.
- ☐ I think I'm dying, doctor. I feel terrible and I've got an awful headache.
- ☐ Yes, doctor. Max Cooper.
- ☐ Dying? Oh dear! Do you have any other symptoms?
- ☐ Well, no. No, it doesn't.
- ☐ OK, Max, what seems to be the problem?
- ☐ Well, Max, I don't think you are going to die just yet. I think perhaps you have a cold.
- ☐ And here?

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4 Isobel is at the doctor's. Complete the words in the conversation. The first letter of each word is given.

D: Isobel? Yes, come in, please. Have a seat. How can I help?

I: Sorry?

D: Isobel, is it? Please sit down. How can I help?

I: Yes, thanks. I'm Isobel.

D: Er ... yes ... well. ⁰What's the problem, Isobel?

I: Well, my ears ¹h_____ and I can't hear very well.

D: Aha! I see. Do you have any other symptoms?

I: Yes, ²f_____ d_____, like my head is spinning, and my neck is ³s_____. It's much bigger than usual.

D: Yes, I can see that. ⁴W_____ d_____ t_____ p_____ s_____?

I: Sorry?

D: How long have you been in pain?

I: In Spain? I've never been to Spain.

D: No, WHEN DID IT START HURTING?

I: Oh, sorry. Yesterday.

D: OK, er ... since Thursday.

I: No, thanks.

D: What?

I: No, thanks, I'm not thirsty.

D: No, I said SINCE THURSDAY.

I: Oh yes. I was looking after my little sister and I fell asleep and when I woke up, I couldn't hear properly.

D: I see. ⁵I_____ g_____ t_____ e_____ y_____.

Lie ⁶d_____, p_____.

Aha! ⁷I t_____ y_____ g_____ something stuck in your ear. Yes, and in this side too. Hang on. I'll pull them.

I: Ouch!

D: Well, how strange. These look like little round sweets.

I: What? How did they get in there?

D: Perhaps you need to speak to your little sister.

I: She must have ... I'll kill her!

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REMEMBER THIS

Ouch is a word for the sound that you make when you feel sudden pain. Such sounds are called interjections. Other examples include **achoo**, the sound of a sneeze, **oops**, a sound you make when you make a mistake or break or drop something, **phew**, a sound to express relief, and **wow**, a sound to express amazement. Look in a dictionary or online for more interjections like these.

