

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?

3 dizzy / you / feel / do?

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

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

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?

2 Well, let's take a look. Lie down, please. If I push here does it hurt?

3 Yes, I've got a runny nose and a sore throat and I feel very weak.

4 Actually, no. Not there either.

5 I think I'm dying, doctor. I feel terrible and I've got an awful headache.

6 Yes, doctor. Max Cooper.

7 Dying? Oh dear! Do you have any other symptoms?

8 Well, no. No, it doesn't.

9 OK, Max, what seems to be the problem?

10 Well, Max, I don't think you are going to die just yet. I think perhaps you have a cold.

11 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 ¹hurt and I can't hear very well.

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

I: Yes, ²I feel dizzy, like my head is spinning, and my neck is ³swell.

D: Yes, I can see that. ⁴What does tell pain since?

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 got throats under hurt.

Lie ⁶down, please.

Aha! ⁷I touch your good ears. 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.

