# IELTS reading practice

## Multiple choice

**2. *Read the following text, and chose the best answer to the questions below.***

The Placebo Effect

A placebo is a sham or simulated medical intervention. Sometimes patients given a placebo treatment will have a perceived or actual improvement in a medical condition, a phenomenon commonly called the placebo effect.

A study of Danish general practitioners found that 48% had prescribed a placebo at least 10 times in the past year. The most frequently prescribed placebos were antibiotics for viral infections, and vitamins for fatigue. Specialists and hospital-based physicians reported much lower rates of placebo use.

***1. The placebo effect refers to***

A) a simulated medical treatment

B) an improvement in a patient's health as a result of a simulated medical treatment

C) a common medical phenomenon

***2. According to a study, placebos were prescribed in Denmark***

A) mainly by doctors working in hospitals

B) instead of antibiotics

C) for fatigued patients or those suffering with viruses

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