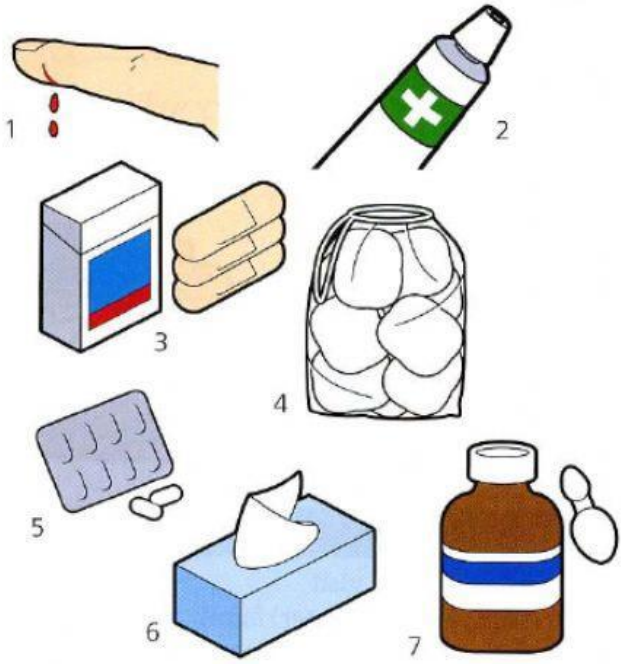
I can **get help at the chemist's**

In a **chemist's shop**, **a chemist** (Ch) is talking to **a customer** (C).

Ch Can I help you?
C Yes, I **cut**[1] my finger yesterday, and it really hurts.
Ch You **need** some **antiseptic cream**[2] for it.
C Right. **Could I have** some **plasters**[3] and some **cotton wool**[4], please?
Ch Yes, of course. That's €5.60, please.

Ch Yes?
C Er, I **need something for** a cold.
Ch Right, well, **try** these **tablets**[5] – they're very good.
C OK, and how often do I **take** them?
Ch Take two tablets every four hours with water.
C Thanks. And I'd like **a box of tissues**[6], please, and some cough **medicine**[7].



Glossary

need If you **need** something, it's necessary or important for you to have it.
antiseptic You put **antiseptic cream** on a cut to clean it.
try use something (e.g. a tablet, medicine) to see if it helps
take a tablet eat a tablet (also **take medicine**)

spotlight Asking for things in a chemist's

You can ask for **something for** a problem or an illness in a chemist's. ***Could I have something for*** *a headache, (please)?* means 'please give me some medicine because I've got a headache.'
I need something for *a cold.*

1 Correct the spelling. Be careful: one is correct.

▶ chimist chemist
1 coton wool _____
2 tissus _____
3 something _____
4 anteseptic _____
5 plastres _____
6 farmacist _____
7 creme _____
8 medicin _____

2 Complete the sentences using phrases from the box.

for toothache, please | help you | a sore throat | some plasters, please | take these tablets | wool | this medicine – it's very good | cream | tablet three times a day | for your finger | a box of ✓

Customer

▶ I'd like a box of tissues, please.
1 Have you got something for _____?
2 How often do I _____?
3 I need something _____.
4 I need some cotton _____.
5 Could I have _____?

Chemist

6 You need some plasters _____.
7 Try _____.
8 Take one _____.
9 Do you need antiseptic _____?
10 Can I _____?

LIVEWORKSHEETS