



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?





2

Symptoms and conditions

Match the symptoms with the pictures below.

allergy
sneezing



1. _____

coughing
sore throat



2. _____

earache
stomach ache



3. _____

headache
toothache



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____



7. _____



8. _____

3

Treatments

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

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|---------------------------|---|
| 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.



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. _____





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

allergies
sick

cold
sneeze

earache
stomach ache

headache
symptoms

prescription
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.



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?