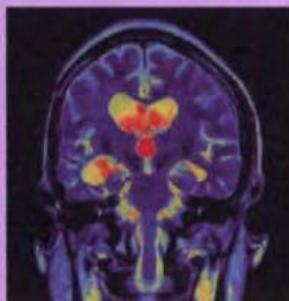




X-ray



scan



operation



patient

Going into hospital

- You go to your doctor feeling very **unwell**.
- She **examines** you, and **arranges** for you to see a **consultant**.
- You may have **tests**, **X-rays**¹, or **scans**² and the nurses may take blood **samples**.
- The consultant decides how to **treat** you.
- You may have an **operation**³ immediately if it is an **emergency**.
- The consultant explains the **benefits** and **risks** to you, the **patient**⁴.
- After the operation, nurses **care** for you while you **recover**.
- The operation is **successful**.
- When you are **well enough**, you can go home to recover completely.

go into hospital go for treatment and stay there for a night or more

go to (the) hospital go there for treatment, but not stay in

go to the hospital go as a visitor

unwell not well; ill

examine look carefully at sb or sth to see if there is anything wrong

arrange organize or plan sth

consultant a senior doctor in a hospital who knows a lot about a particular medical subject

test a medical examination on part of your body, e.g. an **eye test**, a **blood test**

sample a small amount of sth that is looked at, tested, examined, etc. to find out what the rest is like

treat give medical help to make sb better
treatment *n*

operation In an **operation**, the doctor cuts open the body (**operates**) to take out or repair a damaged part.

emergency a sudden dangerous situation when sb needs help quickly

benefit sth that has a good or helpful result
risk a danger that sth bad may happen

care for sb look after sb **SYN take care of sb**
recover from sth become well after you have been ill **SYN get over sth**

successful If sth is **successful**, it has gone well.

SPOTLIGHT *enough*

You can use **enough** after adjectives and adverbs. It means as much or as many as you need. In negative sentences, it means less than you need.

- *He's strong enough to get up.* = He has the strength he needs to get up.
- *She's not well enough to go out.* = She needs to feel better before she can go out.

You can also use **enough** before uncountable and plural nouns.

- *I've got enough money.* = I've got all the money I need.
- *There aren't enough doctors.* = We need more doctors.

1 Complete the table with the words below according to their stress patterns. Use the  to help you. Practise saying the words.

recover ✓ sample	treatment arrange	benefit successful	unwell hospital	get over consultant	operate enough	patient take care of
decide	doctor	remember	►RECOVER		personal	
.....
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2 Circle the correct answer.

- The **patient** / **nurse** has the operation.

- 1 The **consultant** / **patient** goes into hospital.
- 2 The **consultant** / **patient** arranges the tests.
- 3 The **consultant** / **patient** may have to have an X-ray.
- 4 The **nurse** / **patient** may take a blood sample.
- 5 The **doctor** / **patient** may need treatment as an emergency.

- 6 The **doctor** / **patient** explains the benefits of the treatment.
- 7 The **patient** / **nurse** cares for the person after the operation.
- 8 The **consultant** / **patient** gets over the operation.
- 9 The **nurse** / **patient** is strong enough to leave hospital.

3 Which words are being defined?

- a person who is ill and having medical treatment **patient**

- 1 give sb medical help to make them better
- 2 a danger that sth bad might happen
- 3 sth that has a good or helpful result
- 4 look after sb, especially if they are ill
- 5 a small amount of sth that shows what the rest is like
- 6 a sudden situation where sb needs help
- 7 ill
- 8 photos or pictures of the inside of a body
- 9 cut sb's body open to repair sth or take out a part
- 10 getting the result you want

4 Complete the words in the text.

A Hi, Safieh. How are you?

B Well, I'm a bit worried, actually. I've just been to the ► **hospital** to see a consultant about my eye. He (1) e..... me to see what was wrong, and then arranged for some (2) t..... too. I've got a problem at the back of my eye, and I need to have an (3) o.....

A Oh, dear. Is it (4) an e..... ?

B Yes, I have to have it done immediately – in fact, I've got to go (5) i..... hospital tomorrow.

A And are there any (6) r..... with the treatment?

B I don't think so. It's quite a simple operation, and it's usually very (7) s..... : 98% of people can see better afterwards.

A And when will you be well (8) e..... to start work again?

B He said I'll need a week to (9) g..... o..... the operation. My sister is going to (10) t..... c..... of me at home.

A Well, good luck! I hope it goes well.

5 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student.

- 1 When did you last go to hospital, and why?
- 2 Have you ever been into hospital for a few days or longer? When?
- 3 In your country, when patients are in hospital, do the nurses take care of them, or does the family look after them too?
- 4 Can you see a consultant immediately in your country, or do you have to wait?
- 5 Do you have to see your doctor first before you go and see a consultant?
- 6 Where do patients usually go to recover after an operation?

