Audioscript 7.1

Conversation 1

Doctor: So what seems the problem?

Patient: It's my leg, doctor. I was reading about it online and think I must've strained a muscle or something. I keep this pain all down here ... and it's particularly bad down the side of my leg.

Doctor: Well, let's have a look at it, shall we? Can you just try your leg? Yeah, like that. Good. And how does that feel?

Patient: Not great, to be honest. It hurts here – and here.

Doctor: OK. And how long has it been like this?

Patient: It started a bit strange a week or two ago, but it only began really a couple of days ago.

Doctor: And have you done any heavy lifting or any sport or anything in the last couple of weeks?

Patient: Well, I go to the gym most days after work and I do weights quite a lot, so ...

Doctor: Right. Well, I'd strongly suggest a break from that for a while. You've clearly hurt your lower back somehow.

Patient: My back? But it's my leg that hurts.

Doctor: Yes, but when you injure your back – for example when doing weights – then the pain often starts in your lower leg and you really need to rest it and give it time to heal.

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Conversation 2

Doctor: Hello there. How can I help?

Patient: Oh, hello. Thanks for [ ] the time to see me.

Doctor: That's OK. What seems to be the problem?

Patient: It's my throat. It's been really sore for a while now.

Doctor: Yes. You don't sound great, I have to say. And you're very pale. When did it start to feel bad?

Patient: Well, the thing is, you see, I stopped [ ] at the start of the year and it started [ ] sore a few days after that, so I was wondering if it's connected at all.

Doctor: It could be, I suppose. Well done for stopping, though. It's never too late. Right. I just need [ ] your temperature ... OK. Well, that's rather high.

Patient: OK.

Doctor: And can you just breathe in and then out for me, please? OK. And again. Right. And do you feel stiff at all? Your neck? Or shoulders?

Patient: A little bit, now you mention it, doctor, yeah.

Doctor: So ... I think you've caught an infection that's going round. Nothing to do with the smoking!

Patient: That's a relief.

Doctor: I'll write you a prescription for some tablets that will help with the infection. Over the next five days, take two tablets four times a day and that should help.

Patient: OK.

Doctor: And you need to avoid [ ] anything too physical.

Patient: That'll be easy!

Doctor: And you might want to consider [ ] some time off work as well, if you can.

Patient: Not sure that'll be possible, but I promise [ ].

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