6.6 Speaking

Talking about health problems

1 6.2 Listen and repeat the phrases.

SPEAKING Talking about health problems

Asking what the problem is
What's the matter?
What's wrong?
How are you feeling?

Talking about symptoms
I feel sick/ill/terrible.
I've got a stomachache/a headache/toothache/a temperature/a sore throat/a cold/the flu.
My leg/back hurts.
It's sore/painful.

Giving advice
Sit down.
Have some water.
You should/need to lie down/stay in bed/keep calm/see a doctor/be more careful/go to hospital.
You should take a tablet/some medicine.

2 Choose the correct option.

1 John, you're yellow! What's the *wrong* / *matter*?
2 *What* / *How* are you feeling today, Mum?
3 I've got a fever and a cough. I think I've got the *cold* / *flu*.
4 I ate too much chocolate and now I feel *a headache* / *sick*.
5 She picked up a heavy box and now her *temperature* / *back* hurts.
6 Sit *on* / *down* and take a break. You look tired. *Have* / *Take* some water too.
7 You should stay *at the doctor* / *in bed* until you feel better.
8 You should take some *tablet* / *medicine* for your sore throat.
9 I think I'm going to faint – I need to lie *down* / *up*.
10 You should *go* / *take* to hospital if your leg hurts that much.

3 Order the words in brackets to complete the sentences.

1 *I feel* (feel/I) ill.
2 I've got _____ (bad/toothache/a).
3 _____ (take/should/you) a tablet.
4 You _____ (careful/more/should/be).
5 You _____ (in/bed/stay/should).
6 _____ (broken/got/a/I've) leg.

4 Complete the dialogues with the correct words below.

a tablet feel feeling hay fever lie should sneeze terrible what's wrong

1 A: What's *wrong*?
B: I _____ sick.
A: You _____ go home.

2 A: How are you _____?
B: I feel _____. My back hurts.
A: You should _____ down.

3 A: _____ the matter?
B: I've got a headache and I _____ a lot. I think I've got _____.
A: You should have some water and then take _____.

5 6.3 Complete the dialogue with sentences a–f. Then listen and check.

A: 1 *e*
B: I fell off my bicycle and my back hurts a bit.
A: 2 ___
B: OK, thanks. I hit my head and that hurts too.
A: 3 ___
B: Thanks. Can I have some water with it?
A: 4 ___
B: Oh dear! That's making me feel sick now.
A: 5 ___
B: Oh, and now I can't feel my leg!
A: 6 ___

a I've got some tablets for headaches. You should take one of these.
b OK. Forget the doctor. You should go to hospital!
c Come here and sit down for a moment.
d That's bad. You should see a doctor.
e ~~What's the matter? You look terrible.~~
f Sure. Here you are.

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