

# 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: 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.