

British English: Listening Comprehension 15

Perfect Health



(7:26)

This is the third video at the pre-intermediate level. There is no accompanying lesson with this video, and there is only one new vocabulary word: *punting*, which refers to propelling a flat-bottomed boat with a pole, commonly in shallow rivers.

Watch the video and summarize the events.

- 1) What symptoms does Helen have? _____
- 2) Helen isn't really sick. Why did she pretend? _____
- 3) What medicine did the others bring her? _____

David:	Jane:	Matt:
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- 4) What did Simon have? _____
- 5) What is homeopathic medicine? _____
- 6) Do you like tennis? _____ What is Wimbledon? _____
- 7) Why does Helen end with "Game, set, match"? What does that mean? _____

- 8) Below is a transcript of the video. Listen again—just the audio below—and fill in the blanks. Some blanks should be filled with multiple words.

Helen (voice over): Mornings aren't my favourite time of day, but some mornings are definitely worse than others.

David: Where's Helen?

Matt: Dunno.

Jane: Perhaps we should go and call her.

Matt: _____.

[Helen enters, coughing.]

David: Are you alright?

Helen: Not really. I keep sneezing. I can't stop coughing. My whole body _____.

Matt: You've got a cold.

David: Thank you, Doctor.

Jane: Or flu. Have you got a temperature? ... Well, you don't feel hot.

Helen: My temperature keeps going up and down. I feel _____.

Matt: Have something to drink.

Helen: It hurts when I _____.

Matt: You should drink something. I'll make you a cup of tea.

David: Have you taken anything for it yet? Aspirin? Paracetamol?

Helen: There _____.

Jane: What about homeopathic medicine?

David: Homeopathic?

Jane: It's better than aspirin. I'll get you something on the way home. I have to go to work now.

Helen: Me too.

Jane: You're not going anywhere like that.

Matt: You must go back to bed.

David: I'll telephone the office for you.

Jane: Just keep warm, drink lots. I'll see you this evening.

Matt: You go up now and I'll bring you the tea on my way out.

Helen: OK.

Matt: Here you are.

Helen: Oh, thank you.

Matt: Take it easy. I'll bring you some _____ later.

Helen: Thanks.

Jane: Helen. It's only me.

Helen: Hello.

Jane: Hello. How are you feeling?

Helen: A little better. My _____ gone.

Jane: Have you been in bed since this morning?

Helen: I felt too weak to get up.

Jane: Have you eaten anything?

Helen: No, I haven't.

Jane: Have you had anything to drink?

Helen: I had a cup of tea at about one o'clock.

Jane: So, you haven't had anything to drink for five hours?

David: Hello.

Jane: We're up here! You have to drink a lot when you have flu. And you really should try to eat something.

Helen: Sorry.

David: Hi. How are you feeling?

Helen: A bit better.

David: Got you some _____.

Helen: Oh, thanks.

Jane: Actually, I've got you this. It's much better.

Helen: What is it?

Jane: Homeopathic medicine. Especially for colds.

David: What do you mean it's much better?

Jane: It contains only natural ingredients.

David: I bet it tastes _____.

Jane: At least it's not full of chemicals.

David: Aspirin's very effective. It's been around for years.

Jane: So has _____.

Helen: Please, you two.

Matt: There you are. Vitamin C. The perfect cold cure.

[Later, Matt brings a tray of food for Helen.]

Matt: I've brought you some soup.

Helen: Oh, thanks Matt, but I'm not really hungry.

Matt: But you haven't eaten since last night.

Helen: Sorry.

Matt: I don't think you should go to work tomorrow.

Helen: I don't know. Perhaps you're right.

Matt: You can stay here and watch the tennis.

Helen: Tennis?

Matt: Yeah, Wimbledon.

[Doorbell rings.]

Helen: Who's that?

Matt: It's Simon.

Helen: Oh no, I look awful. Don't let him come up yet. Matt!

Matt: Oh, right.

Jane: Here's the patient.

Simon: How are you feeling?

Helen: Not too bad. You know, up and down.

Simon: I didn't know you weren't well. I've got some tickets to see a _____ tonight. Oh well, never mind.

Helen: I can still go.

Jane: No you can't. Don't be silly.

Simon: Jane's right. You shouldn't go out when you've got flu. You have to stay in bed.

Helen: But what about the tickets?

Simon: It _____ about them.

David: It's a pity to waste them. Why don't you go with someone else?

Helen: What?

David: Well, Jane could have your ticket and she could go with Simon.

Simon: That's not a bad idea.

Matt: Yeah. Go on, Jane.

Helen: Look, I'm feeling much better.

Simon: Hey, stay there. You must keep warm.

Jane: OK. I'll go and get ready.

Simon: We can go another time.

Helen (voice over): So, I didn't get to see the salsa band with Simon. Game, set and match to Jane.