1 People

Answer the questions with the people in the list below.

doctor  nurse  out-patient
sister  surgeon  patient

1 Which people work on a ward?
2 Which people work in an operating theatre?
3 Which person is ill and in hospital?
4 Which person is in a waiting room, waiting to see a doctor?
5 Which person is a senior nurse?

2 Match the verbs

Match the verbs in A with the words in B. Sometimes there is more than one possible match.

A  B

do  an operation
make  an injection
give  some medicine
take  a pill
have  your temperature
a check-up

3 Fill the gaps

Use the words below to fill the gaps.

hurt  pain  sick
ill  injured  ache

1 I’ve eaten too much chocolate. I feel ____________.
2 Ten people were ____________ in the accident.
3 Sometimes I have a terrible ____________ in my back. It can really _____________. I must see a doctor.
4 I’ve got tooth ____________, and a head ____________. Do you have an aspirin?
5 My aunt is very ____________ with cancer. We visited her in hospital yesterday.
Read the text. Complete the gaps with the words below.

- prescription
- temperature
- symptoms
- headache
- appointment
- waiting room
- ill
- examined

Last week, I felt ________ so I made an ________ to see Dr Smith. I arrived early, and sat in the ________ and read a magazine. I went in to see the doctor, and I told her what my ________ were. I had a bad ________ and a high ________. She ________ me, and gave me a ________ to take to the chemist.

Put the dialogue between a doctor and a patient in the right order.

- Just here.
- What’s the matter?
- I have a terrible pain in my chest.
- Take two of these pills twice a day.
- Where does it hurt?
- What should I do, doctor?

Now practise the dialogue with your partner.

Interview your partner.

1. How do you feel today?
2. How often do you see the doctor?
3. Have you ever been to hospital? When? Why?

Tell the class about your partner.
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At this level it is a good idea to find pictures of nurses, doctors, patients, thermometers, syringes, etc. to help pre-teach these words.

1  Ask students in pairs to answer the questions with the people in the list.
   Answers
   1 nurse, sister, doctor  2 surgeon, nurse
   3 patient  4 out-patient  5 sister

2  Ask students in pairs to match the verbs in A with the words in B.
   Answers
   A                      B
   do   an operation
   make
   give   an injection     some medicine     a pill
   take   some medicine     a pill     your temperature
   have   an operation     an injection     a check-up

3  Ask students in pairs to use the words to fill the gaps.
   Answers
   1 I’ve eaten too much chocolate. I feel sick.
   2 Ten people were injured in the accident.
   3 Sometimes I have a terrible pain in my back. It can really hurt. I must see a doctor.
   4 I’ve got toothache, and a headache. Do you have an aspirin?
   5 My aunt is very ill with cancer. We visited her in hospital yesterday.
   Note: sick and ill are interchangeable. However, in British English, sick is usually used to describe nausea, ill to mean you have a disease.

4  Ask students to read the text, and complete the gaps with the words.
   Answers
   Last week, I felt ill so I made an appointment to see Dr Smith. I arrived early, and sat in the waiting room and read a magazine. I went in to see the doctor, and I told her what my symptoms were. I had a bad headache and a high temperature. She examined me, took my temperature, and gave me a prescription to take to the chemist.

5  Ask students in pairs to put the dialogue between a doctor and a patient in the right order.
   Answers
   What’s the matter?          I have a terrible pain in my chest.
   Where does it hurt?        Just here.
   OK. Breathe in. Breathe out. Good. What should I do, doctor?
   Take two of these pills twice a day.
Ask students to practise the dialogue with their partner.

6 Ask students in pairs to interview their partner, then tell the class about their partner.