

# Language for ...

## visiting the doctor

### 1 Warmer

Ask and answer the following questions with a partner:

- When was the last time you were ill?
- What was wrong with you?
- What did you do?

Complete the medical conditions using these words.

head      foot      arm      back      ear  
stomach      shoulder      leg

a pain in my _____	_____ ache
a pain in my _____	_____ ache
a pain in my _____	_____ ache
a pain in my _____	_____ ache



### 2 Listening

a ▶ Listen to conversation 1 and choose the correct word.

- 1 The receptionist tells Jane she has to fill in a **registration** / **enrolment** form.
- 2 She asks Jane what her **surname** / **first name** is.
- 3 She asks Jane for her **day** / **date** of birth.
- 4 She asks her whether her address is a **permanent** / **temporary** one.
- 5 She asks Jane if she has any **symptoms** / **allergies**.
- 6 She asks her if she is on any **medicine** / **medication**.
- 7 Jane asks the receptionist if she can make an **arrangement** / **appointment** to see the doctor on Wednesday afternoon.
- 8 The receptionist says that the **surgery** / **health centre** is closed on Wednesday afternoons.



b ▶ Listen to conversation 2 and fill in the missing information.

- 1 The doctor asks Jane to describe her \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 Jane tells him that she has a terrible \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 She also says she has a \_\_\_\_\_ throat.
- 4 The doctor asks her if she has a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 He asks her when she started feeling \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 Jane says that she has been feeling ill for \_\_\_\_\_ days.
- 7 The doctor says that Jane probably has a \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 He says he doesn't think it is anything \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 He \_\_\_\_\_ plenty of rest and lots of hot drinks.
- 10 He writes out a \_\_\_\_\_ for some painkillers.

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### 3 Language in use

**a** Read the sentences. Look at the words in bold and match them with their meanings a-h.

- 1 Describe your **symptoms** carefully.
- 2 Tell the doctor if you have any **allergies**.
- 3 The doctor may take your **temperature**.
- 4 The doctor will use your symptoms to make a **diagnosis**.
- 5 He or she will then write out a **prescription**.
- 6 You should take your prescription to a **pharmacy**.
- 7 Make sure you take the correct **dose** each day.
- 8 If your symptoms persist, make an **appointment** to see your doctor again.

- a the measurement of how hot your body is
- b a shop where medicines are prepared and sold
- c a piece of paper that a doctor gives you that says what type of medicine you need
- d an arrangement to see someone at a particular time
- e an amount of a drug that has been measured so that you can take it
- f signs that someone has an illness
- g a statement about what disease someone has, based on examining them
- h medical conditions in which you become sick or your skin becomes red as a reaction to something you eat, breathe or touch

**b** Complete the information on this health advice leaflet using the words in the box

temperature    prescription    symptoms    virus    appointment    headache    water    sore

#### HELP TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF FLU THIS WINTER

- 1 Do you have any of these (1) \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 2 A (2) \_\_\_\_\_ throat, a high (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and a (4) \_\_\_\_\_ ?
- 3 If you think you have flu, you don't need to make an (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to see your doctor.
- 4 Stay at home, keep warm and drink a lot of (6) \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 Don't go to work or school.
- 6 Don't ask your doctor for a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ for antibiotics. Flu is a (8) \_\_\_\_\_ and antibiotics won't work.

**c** Match the verbs in the left-hand column with the nouns or noun phrases in the right-hand column.

- |             |                       |
|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1 make      | a a prescription      |
| 2 fill in   | b the correct dose    |
| 3 describe  | c a registration form |
| 4 write out | d a temperature       |
| 5 take      | e an appointment      |
| 6 have      | f symptoms            |

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### 4 Communicate

You don't feel well. You contact an online healthcare service. Answer the doctor's questions.

Doctor: How long have you been feeling unwell?

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor: Can you describe your symptoms?

You: *(sore throat/headache/temperature)*

Doctor: Are you on any medication at the moment?

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor: Do you have any allergies?

You: \_\_\_\_\_

Doctor: I think you just have a cold. Take some aspirin, keep warm and drink lots of liquids.



### 5 Discussion

Discuss the following questions with a partner and share your answers with the class:

What should/shouldn't you do when **you are in poor health**?

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What kinds of things are **good for your health**?

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What kinds of things are **bad for your health**?

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### Red Words

'Red Words' in this lesson are indicated in **red** in the above exercises.