

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**?

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

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

Red Words

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