

Hospital

Elementary

1 People

Answer the questions with the people in the list below.

doctor
sister

nurse
surgeon

out-patient
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

do
make
give
take
have

B

an operation
an injection
some medicine
a pill
your temperature
a check-up

3 Fill the gaps

Use the words below to fill the gaps.

hurt
ill

pain
injured

sick
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.

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4 An appointment with the doctor

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.

5 Doctor and patient

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

Just here.
What's the matter?
OK. Breathe in. Breathe out. Good.
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.

6 Interview 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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Teacher's notes - Hospital

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.	

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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.