

At the doctor's

- 1  (1.27) Complete the dialogue with the phrases in the box. Then listen and check.

listen to your chest
keep warm and get plenty of rest
I've got a temperature and a bad cough
for about a week
three times a day after meals



Patient Good morning, Doctor.
Doctor Good morning. What can I do for you?
Patient Well, I haven't been feeling very well recently.
1 _____
Doctor How long has this been going on?
Patient 2 _____
Doctor Can I just 3 _____?
Patient Of course.
Doctor I think you've got an infection. I'll prescribe some antibiotics.
Patient Will I get better soon?
Doctor Take the tablets 4 _____
and it should clear up in a few days.
Patient OK. Thank you.
Doctor You should 5 _____
If you're not feeling better in a week from now,
come and see me again.
Patient Thank you, Doctor. Goodbye.
Doctor Goodbye.

- 2 Match the symptoms (1–6) with the illnesses (a–f).

Symptoms

- 1 I can't stop sneezing and my eyes are watering all the time. ☐
- 2 I feel shivery, I've got a headache and I'm aching all over. I feel terrible. ☐
- 3 I banged my head and I feel dizzy and confused. ☐
- 4 My ankle is swollen and I can't really walk on it. ☐
- 5 I've got a nasty cough, a temperature and my nose is blocked. ☐
- 6 I've got stomach ache and I feel sick. ☐

Illnesses

- a flu
- b a chest infection
- c food poisoning
- d hay fever
- e a twisted ankle
- f concussion

- 3  (1.28) Listen. Which illnesses in exercise 2 do the three patients have?

- 4  (1.29) Complete the doctor's advice. Use the words in the box. Then listen and check.

avoid drink feel ice liquid plenty of prescribe
rest see stay take walk work

- 1 You should _____ as much as possible, and _____ in bed.
- 2 I don't think you should go to _____. You need _____ rest.
- 3 If you don't _____ better in three or four days, come back and _____ me again.
- 4 You must _____ your foot for a couple of days. Try not to _____ on it.
- 5 I'll _____ some painkillers. You can _____ them every four hours.
- 6 You can also put _____ on it to keep it cool.
- 7 Drink lots of _____.
- 8 When you feel better, eat a little dry bread – but _____ milk and cheese.

- 5 Work in pairs. Prepare a dialogue between a patient and a doctor. Use the words and phrases in exercises 1, 2 and 4.

- Greet each other.
- Doctor: ask what the problem is.
- Patient: explain your symptoms.
- Doctor: say what you think the illness is.
- Patient: ask for the doctor's advice.
- Doctor: give your advice.
- Patient: thank the doctor.
- Say goodbye to each other.

- 6 Act out your dialogue to the class.