

# 9D At the doctor's

Real World at the doctor's  
Vocabulary health problems,  
symptoms and treatment  
Review Present Perfect Continuous

## QUICK REVIEW ●●●

Write all the parts of the body you know. Work in pairs. Compare lists. Who has the most words? Take turns to point to a part of the body. Your partner says the word.

1 a) Tick the words/phrases you know. Check new words/phrases in **192** p134.

asthma a runny nose antibiotics  
an allergy a rash wheezy hay fever  
painkillers flu pills be sick  
diarrhoea a sore throat a migraine  
sneeze a virus a temperature  
penicillin throw up a stomach ache  
food poisoning paracetamol  
a blocked-up nose an infection

b) Work in pairs. Put the words/phrases in 1a) into three groups.

- 1 health problems *asthma*
- 2 symptoms *a runny nose*
- 3 treatment *antibiotics*

c) Check your answers in **194** p135.

2 a) Look at these sentences that doctors often say to patients. Fill in the gaps with these words.

~~problem~~ back feeling taking  
look eaten allergic temperature  
prescription symptoms

- 1 Now, what seems to be the *problem*?
- 2 How long have you been ..... like this?
- 3 Do you know if you're ..... to anything?
- 4 What have you ..... recently?
- 5 Come ..... if you're not feeling better in two days.
- 6 Have you been ..... anything for them?
- 7 Have you got any other .....
- 8 Right, let me have a ..... at you.
- 9 I'm just going to take your .....
- 10 Here's a ..... for some painkillers.

b) **194** Listen and check your answers.

3 a) **191** Listen to two conversations in a GP's surgery. What are each patient's symptoms? What does the doctor think is wrong with each patient?



b) Listen again. Tick the true sentences. Correct the false ones:

- 1
  - a) Mr Philips isn't allergic to anything.
  - b) His children cooked him a meal for his birthday.
  - c) The doctor says he shouldn't eat for a day.
  - d) Mr Philips has to come back and see the doctor again.
- 2
  - e) Mr Taylor has been taking paracetamol.
  - f) He started feeling ill two days ago.
  - g) The doctor tells him go to bed and rest.
  - h) The doctor gives him a prescription for some antibiotics.

## Real World At the doctor's

4 a) Match the beginnings and the ends of these sentences.

- |                   |                                  |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 I'm not feeling | a) feeling very well recently.   |
| 2 I haven't been  | b) getting really bad headaches. |
| 3 I've got        | c) very well.                    |
| 4 My chest        | d) a terrible stomach ache.      |
| 5 I keep          | e) hurts.                        |
| 6 I can't stop    | f) to penicillin.                |
| 7 Do I need       | g) sneezing.                     |
| 8 I'm allergic    | h) should I take them?           |
| 9 How often       | i) make another appointment?     |
| 10 Do I need to   | j) some antibiotics?             |

b) Look again at sentences 5 and 6 in 4a). Then choose the correct words/phrases in these rules.

- We use *I keep ...* and *I can't stop ...* for things that happen *once/lots of times*. We *want/don't want* these things to happen.
- After *I keep ...* and *I can't stop ...* we use *the infinitive/verb+ing*.

c) Check in **RW91** p135.

## Recording Scripts

MR P Since, um, late last night.  
DR Do you know if you're allergic to anything?  
MR P No, not that I know of.  
DR What have you eaten recently?  
MR P Well, let me think ... my children cooked dinner for my wife and me last night. It was our wedding anniversary, you see, and they wanted to surprise us.  
DR What did you have?  
MR P Well, I'm not sure what it was, actually. Some sort of, er, seafood and pasta dish. They spent a long time cooking it, so, you know, I felt I had to eat it. It wasn't very nice, to be honest. My wife hardly ate any.  
DR OK, I think you've got food poisoning. The best thing to do is to rest and don't eat anything for the next 24 hours. After that you can eat things like bread or rice, but no milk or cheese.  
MR P Right.  
DR And drink lots of water or black tea with a little sugar in.  
MR P OK. Do I need to make another appointment?  
DR No, I'm sure you'll be fine, but come back if you're not feeling better in two days.  
MR P Thanks a lot.  
DR And maybe tell your kids that you want to go to a restaurant next year.  
MR P Yes, I will. Goodbye.  
DR Goodbye.

2

DOCTOR Hello. It's Mr Taylor, isn't it?  
MR TAYLOR Yes, that's right.  
DR Please sit down.  
MR T Thanks. Achooo!  
DR What seems to be the problem?  
MR T Well, I haven't been feeling very well recently. My chest hurts and I keep getting really bad headaches.  
DR Have you been taking anything for them?  
MR T Yes, paracetamol, but, er, they don't really help much.  
DR Have you got any other symptoms?  
MR T Yes, I can't stop sneezing. Achoooo!  
DR Yes, I can see that. And how long have you been feeling like this?  
MR T Oh, let me see, it's 3 days now.  
DR Right, let me have a look at you. Say "aaaah".  
MR T Aaaaah ....  
DR ... That's fine, thanks. I'm just going to take your temperature ... Yes, you've got a bit of a temperature, but nothing serious. I think you've got a virus. You need to stay in bed and rest for 2 or 3 days.  
MR T Do I need a ... a ... a ...  
DR A what?  
MR T ACHOOO!  
DR Bless you.

MR T Thanks. Do I need some antibiotics? I'm allergic to penicillin, by the way.  
DR No, antibiotics don't work with viruses, but I'm going to give you something stronger for the headaches.  
MR T Oh, right.  
DR Here's a prescription for some painkillers.  
MR T How often should I take them?  
DR Every 4 hours. If you're not better in 3 days then come back and we'll do some blood tests.  
MR T Thank you, doctor.  
DR Not at all. Goodbye.  
MR T Bye.  
DR Right, who's the next patient ... AchOOO ... oh no ...

ANSWERS 2 feeling 3 allergic 4 eaten 5 back  
6 taking 7 symptoms 8 look 9 temperature  
10 prescription

1  
DOCTOR Hello, Mr Philips. Take a seat.  
MR PHILIPS Thanks.  
DR Now what seems to be the problem?  
MR P Well, er, I'm not feeling very well. I've got a terrible stomach ache and I keep throwing up.  
DR Have you had any diarrhoea?  
MR P Yes, I have, actually.  
DR How long have you been feeling like this?