## SEEING THE DOCTOR





## How are you feeling?

Practice these conversations with a friend.

## Making an appointment

Tristan: Good afternoon, I would like to make an appointment to

see Dr. Victor, please.

Assist: Good day, I can help you at 10 o'clock today. Is that

okay?

Tristan: Yes, that's perfect. I am feeling very sick.

Assist: May I have your surname and telephone number, please?

Tristan: Tristan Hill. My number is 083 9951 2341

Assist: Thank you, Mr. Hill. See you at ten!

Tristan: Goodbye

There are six cards for the patient and six cards for the doctor on the next page. One student will take six cards and plays the role of the patient. The other student will take the other six cards and plays the role of the doctor.

Change roles.

## At the doctor

Student A is the patient, Student B is the doctor. Look carefully at the sentences and figure out who is asking a question and how the other one has to answer.

Patient	Doctor
I have a terrible headache.	What is wrong?
Two days	How long have you had this pain now?
Thank you doctor.	I am prescribing some tablets. Take one three times a day.

I sneeze a lot. Look how red is my nose. My throat is itching and I started coughing last night.	What is wrong?
I think I'm allergic to the pollen.	Are you allergic to anything?
	During spring, many patients suffer from allergies. In this area, it is worse.
I hope the tablets will not make me feel sleepy.	I am going to give you an injection for immediate relief and then you should take these tablets - two, twice a day.

My back hurts.	Where does it hurt?
I lifted a heavy box and I think I pulled a muscle.	You must be careful with lifting heavy things. You are not young anymore.
It's been like this now for a week.	How long have you had this backache?
Thank you doctor.	Take this ointment, rub it on the place where it hurts and rest for a few days. Try not to walk, just stay in bed.
The one at the back, doctor.	Which tooth is giving you so much pain?
It started aching a day ago and I cannot eat my food.	When did it start hurting?
Okay doctor. Thank you.	I can see that it is infected. I am going to take an x-ray and then we need to treat it for infection and then you need to come back in one week's time.
My stomach, doctor. Ouch, this is where it is so painful.	Where is the pain? I am going to press on your stomach and then you can tell me when it hurts.
Thank you, doctor.	I am going to prescribe some medicine. If you do not feel any relief after two days, please come back.

Doctor, my stomach is running all the time. I go to the toilet so much at the moment.

Can I help, what is wrong?

I bought some take out fish and chips yesterday.

Have you eaten something that could have upset your stomach?

Oh, that's horrible!

You might have food poisoning.

I am going to throw up!

Here is the bathroom.

You need to drink lots of water and drink these tablets. If you do not feel better by tomorrow, please come back.