



AT THE DOCTOR'S & PHARMACY

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1. Before You Start

Think about these questions.

1. When was the last time you went to a doctor?
2. What do you usually say when you explain a health problem?
3. What questions does a doctor usually ask you?
4. What information should you give the doctor?
5. Is it easy or difficult for you to explain a problem in English?

Talk to a partner.

3. How Long Have You Had It?

Doctors often ask:

"How long have you had this problem?"

You can answer:

- I've had it for three days.
- I've had a headache since Monday.
- It started yesterday.
- I've been feeling sick all morning.
- It comes and goes.

Complete the conversations.

A: How long have you had the cough?

B: I've had it _____.

A: When did the pain start?

B: It _____ yesterday.

A: Have you had a fever?

B: Yes, _____.

2. Useful Words for Symptoms

Read the words and phrases.

- a headache
- a stomachache
- a sore throat
- a cough
- a fever
- a cold
- back pain
- a toothache
- a runny nose
- a blocked nose
- feel dizzy
- feel sick
- feel tired
- have trouble sleeping

Complete the sentences.

1. My throat hurts. I have _____.
2. I can't stop coughing. I have _____.
3. I feel like I might fall down. I feel _____.
4. My back hurts. I have _____.
5. I feel very hot and my temperature is high. I have _____.

4. Explain the Problem Clearly

Choose the best sentence.

a) I have pain in my stomach.	a) I feel dizziness when I stand up.	a) It hurts when I walk.
b) My stomach has pain me.	b) I am dizzying when I stand up.	b) It hurts me when I am walking always.
c) I am pain stomach.	c) I feel dizzy when I stand up.	c) It is hurting when walk.

REAL ENGLISH BOX

In everyday English, people often say:

“I've got...”

- I've got a bad headache.
- I've got a cough.
- I've got a sore throat.

You can also say:

“I've been feeling...”

- I've been feeling tired.
- I've been feeling dizzy.
- I've been feeling sick.

Both are natural ways to explain how you feel.

5. Doctor Questions

Work with a partner.

Student A: You are the doctor. Ask the questions.

Student B: You have a health problem. Answer the questions.

1. What's the problem?
2. When did it start?
3. How long have you had it?
4. How bad is the pain?
5. Do you have a fever?
6. Have you taken anything for it?

Then change roles.

6. Your Turn

Choose **one** problem:

- headache
- cough
- stomachache
- back pain
- sore throat
- feeling dizzy

Explain your problem to your partner.

Try to include:

I've got...

It started...

I've had it for...

It hurts when...

I've taken...

Teacher's Key

2. Useful Words for Symptoms

Complete the sentences.

1. a sore throat
2. a cough
3. dizzy
4. back pain
5. a fever

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