



AT THE DOCTOR'S & PHARMACY

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1. What Would You Do?

Read each situation. Talk to your partner.

Situation A

You have had a bad cough for a week. It is getting worse.

Would you:

- wait another week?
- visit a doctor?
- ask a pharmacist?

Why?

Situation B

The doctor gives you instructions, but you don't understand one part.

What do you say?

Situation C

The pharmacist recommends some medicine, but you are already taking another medicine.

What do you ask?

Situation D

You have an appointment, but you suddenly cannot go.

What do you do?

2. Give the Patient Advice

Example:

I have a bad headache. → You should get some rest.

Now give advice for:

1. I've got a terrible cough.
2. I haven't slept well for three nights.
3. My back hurts when I work.
4. I have a fever.
5. I feel dizzy when I stand up.

Use:

You should...

You shouldn't...

You need to...

You could...

3. Make It More Natural

Change the sentences into natural everyday English.

1. Give me medicine for my headache. _____
2. I don't understand this word. Explain. _____
3. How many medicine must I take? _____
4. Doctor, repeat. _____
5. I want make an appointment. _____

REAL ENGLISH BOX

Being polite doesn't have to be complicated.

Instead of:

“Repeat.”

say:

“Could you say that again, please?”

Instead of:

“Give me medicine.”

say:

“Could you recommend something for this?”

Small changes make your English sound much more natural.

4. The Appointment Problem

You have a doctor's appointment tomorrow at 10:00.

You suddenly have an important meeting at work.

Call the doctor's office.

You need to:

- explain the problem
- apologise
- ask to change the appointment
- suggest another day/time
- confirm the new appointment

Useful language:

I'm calling about my appointment.

I'm afraid I can't make it.

Could I change the appointment?

Would Thursday morning be possible?

What time would be available?

Practise the conversation with a partner.

5. The Three-Person Challenge

Work in groups of three.

Student A: Doctor

Student B: Patient

Student C: Pharmacist

The patient:

1. explains a health problem to the doctor
2. answers the doctor's questions
3. receives advice
4. goes to the pharmacy
5. asks the pharmacist questions

Change roles and repeat.

Teacher's Key

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3. How many medicine must I take?
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Possible answers:

1. Could you recommend something for my headache?
2. Sorry, what does this word mean?
3. How many tablets should I take?
4. Could you say that again, please?
5. I'd like to make an appointment.