



Name: _____ Date: _____

Part I. Talk about the meaning of the words and complete the sentences.

(Speaking activity to review Simple past, Simple present, and Present Perfect tenses)

Discuss with your partner the meaning of the following Words and use the correct form to complete the sentences below.

Treat - cure - heal - To be prone to - to get better - to get over - to suffer from - to run in the family - to come down with

1. It took her several weeks to _____ the death of her dog.
2. Yesterday he had a temperature but today it has gone down. He _____.
3. I don't feel very well today. I think I _____ something.
4. She sometimes gets very bad headaches. She _____ migraines.
5. When I was a child I _____ tonsillitis. I had it so frequently that in the end they took my tonsils out.
6. Everybody in my family wears glasses – my grandparents, my parents, and my sister and me. Bad eyesight _____.

Part II. Read the lines and work with your partner to match the following punch lines to the “Doctor, Doctor” jokes

- a) “Well, pull yourself together!”
 - b) “Remember to take the spoon out next time!”
 - c) Well, just be glad you aren't a fish!”
 - d) “Use a pencil instead”
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1. “Doctor, doctor! Every bone in my body hurts!” _____
 2. “Doctor, doctor! My son has just swallowed my pen! What should I do?” _____
 3. “Doctor, doctor! I keep thinking I'm a pair of curtains!” _____
 4. “Doctor, doctor! Every time I drink a cup of tea I get a terrible pain in my eye” _____

Part III. Use the following questions to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. Have you ever been to a hospital? How helpful were the doctors and nurses?
2. How expensive is healthcare in Mexico?
3. How well does the healthcare system in Mexico treat the very young and the elderly?

4. What do you think could be done to improve the healthcare system in Mexico?
5. How hard is it to become a doctor, a pharmacist or a nurse in Mexico?
6. Would you like to work as a doctor, nurse, etc? What are the good and bad points of these jobs?
7. How long do you have to wait to see a doctor or have an operation in Mexico?
8. Does the healthcare system in Mexico focus more on prevention or cure of illnesses?
9. What do you do to keep yourself healthy?

Part IV. Choose an illness, but don't tell your partner which one it is. He / She will have to guess and come up with a remedy.

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In pairs, sitting one in front of the other, you are going to play rolls one of you will be the doctor and the other one will be the patient.

The doctor has to ask the patient about the symptoms and the patient has to describe how he/she feels, then the doctor has to guess which illness it is and come up with a remedy.

Then you change rolls, now the patient gets to be the doctor, and the doctor gets to be the patient and do the same.