



TO TALK ABOUT  
ILLNESSES AT  
THE DOCTOR'S



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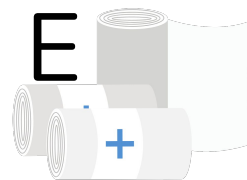
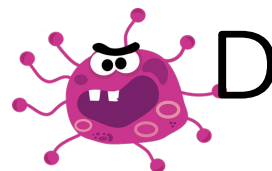
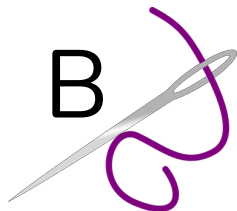
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We're going to read 5 short texts about patients with problems then complete a reading comprehension.

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## STORY A: Charlie

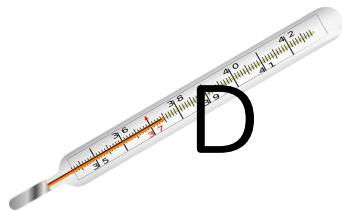
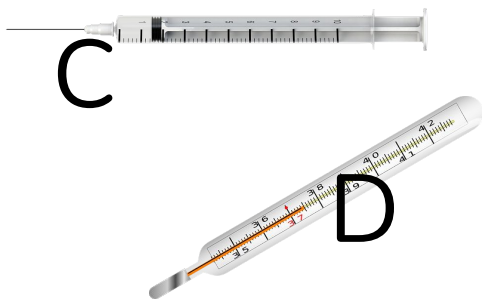
I recently went to my doctor's because I had an **accident**. I was cutting some potatoes and I cut the end of my finger off! I live right next to the doctor's so I went round and they stopped the bleeding then put a big **bandage** on it. They gave me some **painkillers** and some other **medicine** as there was a danger of **infection**. After, I went to the hospital where a specialist **stitched** my finger back together again. It hurt so much for a few days and it's starting to **bruise** now, but it's OK and I'm recovering.



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## STORY B: Julia

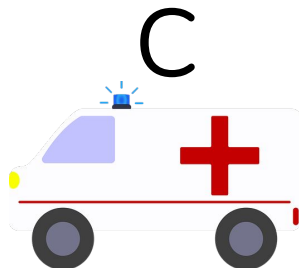
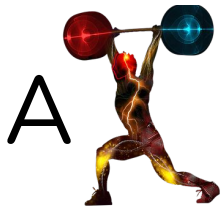
Yesterday, I had a health check with the **nurse**. First, she **took my blood**. I'm scared of **injections** so I hate having my blood taken but I need to have it done because my sugar levels are always changing and the doctor needs to **check** them. If they are too high it could become very **dangerous** for me! This is going to be sent to the **lab technician** for analysis. After, the nurse used a **stethoscope** to hear my heartbeat and everything was regular, then they took my **blood pressure** and **measured my temperature** using a **thermometer**. Now, I'm waiting for the results.



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## STORY C: Richard

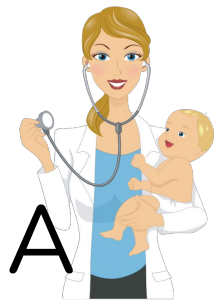
My grandmother had a heart attack, so we needed to call an **ambulance**. I tried feeling for her **pulse**, but I couldn't find anything. She is usually very **fit** and healthy and she eats all the right food, but she still had a heart attack. She was rushed to hospital and luckily she had **surgery** from a world-class **surgeon** that **saved her life**. Now, she's **resting** in the hospital where they are looking after her. We are so happy she survived this heart attack and she is now allowed **visitors** so I'm going to see her later. Sadly my grandfather had a heart attack a few years ago and he **passed away** from it.



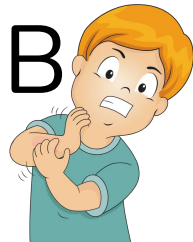
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## STORY D: Michael

My daughter had **chickenpox**, so she was so **itchy**! It was very difficult to stop her! I was given a special **ointment** by the **pediatrician** to put on the spots but my daughter was allergic to it. She said she felt very **dizzy**, she started **vomiting**, and the area with the ointment was very **inflamed**. We rushed her to hospital, she was put on a **stretcher** immediately and luckily they gave her some medication that made her better. **It was a close call!**



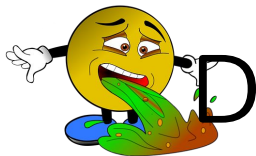
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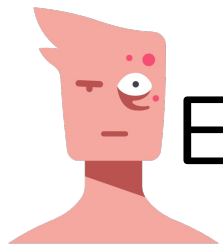
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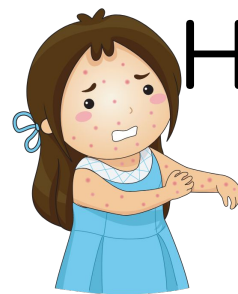
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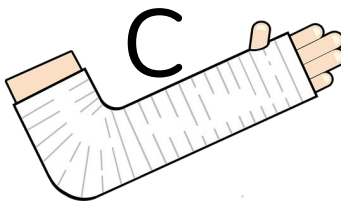
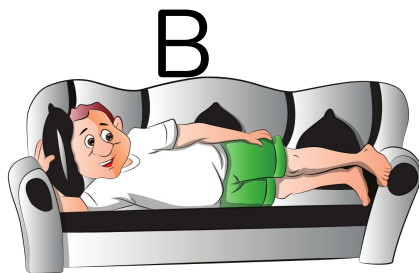
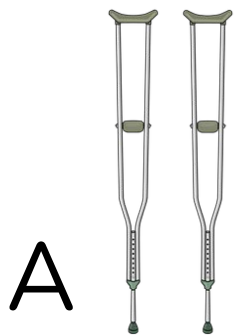


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## STORY E: Lily

I fell down the stairs and my ankle **was killing me!** I thought I had broken it so I asked my partner to drive me to the hospital, where they immediately put me in a **wheelchair**, gave me an X-ray and confirmed it was broken. I had a **cast** on for 12 weeks! I was so tired using **crutches** all day to walk around so I ended up **lying down** for most of the day! Luckily it's all OK now!

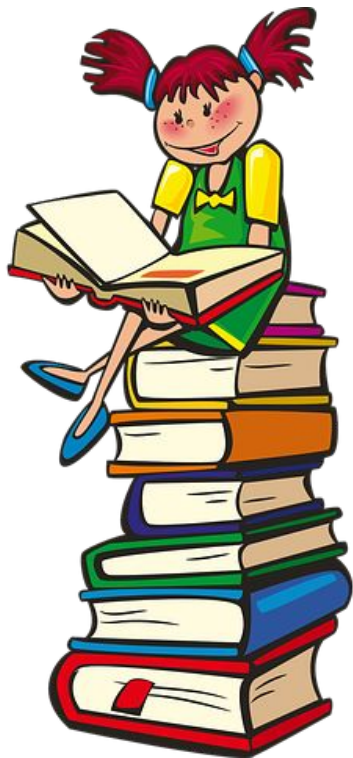




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Here is the text!

<https://virtually-fluent.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/5-Patient-Problems.pdf>



# At The Doctor's



Answer the following  
questions!

# Match the patient to the problem

Charlie

Julia

Richard

Michael

Lily

Health checkup

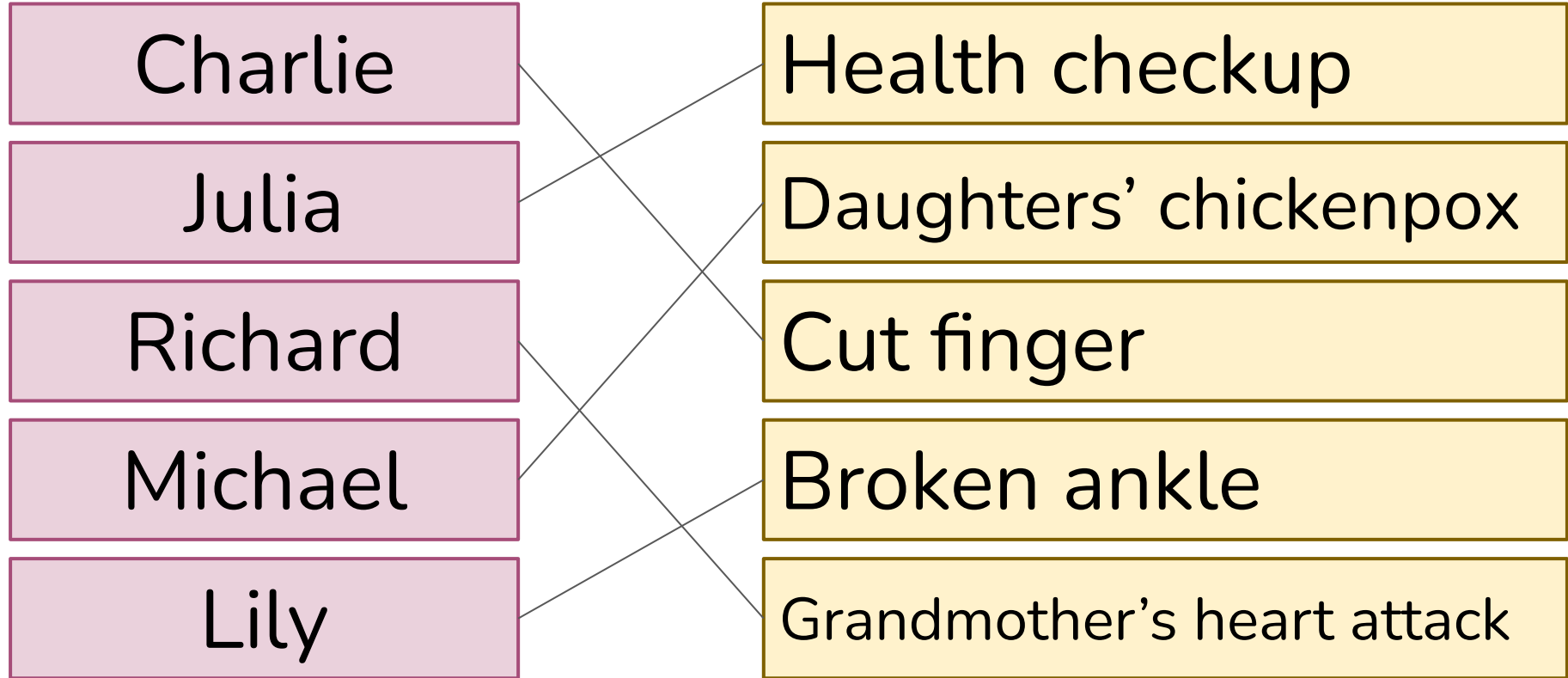
Daughters' chickenpox

Cut finger

Broken ankle

Grandmother's heart attack

# Match the patient to the problem



Is the following sentence true or false?

Charlie went to the hospital immediately

TRUE



FALSE



# Is the following sentence true or false?

Charlie went to the hospital immediately

## FALSE



STORY A: Charlie

I live right next to the doctor's so I went round and they stopped the bleeding then put a big **bandage** on it. They gave me some **painkillers** and some other **medicine** as there was a danger of **infection**. After, I went to the hospital ...

Is the following sentence true or false?

Charlie was given medication for pain relief

TRUE



FALSE



# Is the following sentence true or false?

Charlie was given medication for pain relief

TRUE



**STORY A: Charlie**

They gave me some **painkillers** and some other **medicine** as there was a danger of **infection**.



# Is the following sentence true or false?

Julia doesn't like injections

TRUE



FALSE



# Is the following sentence true or false?

Julia doesn't like injections

TRUE



STORY A: Julia

I'm scared of **injections** so I hate having my blood taken

Is the following sentence true or false?

The nurse checked Julia's heart, blood  
and weight

TRUE



FALSE



# Is the following sentence true or false?

The nurse checked Julia's heart, blood and weight

## FALSE



STORY A: Julia

After, the nurse used a **stethoscope** to hear my heartbeat and everything was regular, then they took my **blood pressure** and **measured my temperature** using a **thermometer**.

# Is the following sentence true or false?

Richard had a heart attack

TRUE



FALSE



# Is the following sentence true or false?

Richard had a heart attack

FALSE



**STORY C: Richard**

My grandmother had a heart attack, so we needed to call an ambulance.

Is the following sentence true or false?

Richard's grandmother isn't usually very healthy and active

TRUE



FALSE



# Is the following sentence true or false?

Richard's grandmother isn't usually very healthy and active

FALSE



STORY C: Richard

She is usually very **fit** and healthy and she eats all the right food, but she still had a heart attack.



Is the following sentence true or false?

Richard is going to visit his grandmother  
later

TRUE



FALSE



# Is the following sentence true or false?

Richard is going to visit his grandmother  
later

## TRUE



**STORY C: Richard**

We are so happy she survived this heart attack and she is now allowed **visitors** so I'm going to see her later.

# Is the following sentence true or false?

Michael's daughter was allergic to the chickenpox ointment

TRUE



FALSE



# Is the following sentence true or false?

Michael's daughter was allergic to the chickenpox ointment

## TRUE



STORY D: Michael

I was given a special **ointment** by the **pediatrician** to put on the spots but my daughter was allergic to it.

# Which symptoms did Michael's daughter have from the ointment?

- 1) Headache, start vomiting, inflamed skin
- 2) Feel dizzy, start vomiting, stomach ache
- 3) Feel dizzy, start vomiting, inflamed skin

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- 1) Headache, start vomiting, inflamed skin
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# Is the following sentence true or false?

Lily's ankle was fractured

TRUE



FALSE



# Is the following sentence true or false?

Lily's ankle was fractured

FALSE



STORY E: Lily

... they immediately put me in a **wheelchair**, gave me an X-ray and confirmed it was broken.



# Is the following sentence true or false?

Lily had a cast on for 3 months

TRUE



FALSE



# Is the following sentence true or false?

Lily had a cast on for 3 months

TRUE

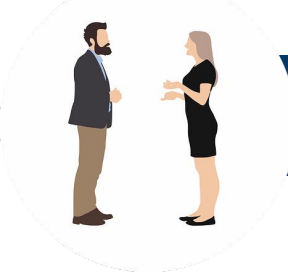
STORY E: Lily

I had a **cast** on for 12 weeks!



# Practice 1





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Let's order the conversation!

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# Doctor's Introduction Questions

- ✎ What is the problem?
- ✎ What brings you here today?
- ✎ How can I help you today?
- ✎ How is everything today?
- ✎ What are your symptoms?



# Patient's Response

- ✎ ... has been hurting me
- ✎ I've got a sore ...
- ✎ I have a lot of pain in ...

*CHECK OUT OUR ILLNESSES AND TREATMENTS  
COURSE FOR MORE VOCABULARY*



# Doctor's Follow-up Questions 1

- ✎ When did this start?
- ✎ How long have you been feeling like this?
- ✎ Does it hurt when I press here?
- ✎ Can I have a look?
- ✎ Where does it hurt?



## Doctor's Follow-up Questions 2

- ✎ Are you on any sort of medication?
- ✎ Do you have any allergies?
- ✎ Can you roll up your sleeve?
- ✎ Can you open your mouth?
- ✎ Can you cough, please?





# Doctor's Treatments

- I'm going to prescribe you some antibiotics
- You should take 3 tablets daily
- You can pick up your prescription from the chemist's
- You'll need a few stitches
- I'm going to give you an injection
- I will refer you to a specialist at the hospital
- Can you book an appointment for another test next week?



# Practice 2



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It's conversation time!



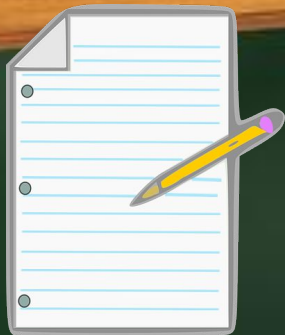
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# REVIEW



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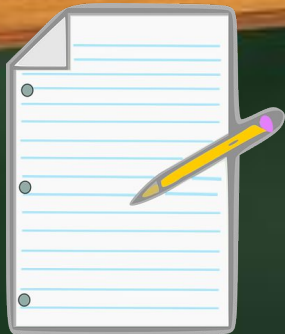


# HOMEWORK 1

## COMPLETE LISTENING COMPREHENSION QUIZ

Link:

<https://virtually-fluent.com/quizzes/a-day-in-the-life-of-a-doctor-listening-comprehension/>



# HOMEWORK 2

## RESPOND TO THE FORUM

Link:

<https://virtually-fluent.com/topic/becoming-a-doc-tor/>

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