Health

1 Registering with a doctor

Before you can see a GP in the UK, you need to go to your local surgery and register. You will get a form that you must fill in with your name, address and medical history.

Family doctor services registration

PATIENT’S DETAILS

☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Miss ☐ Ms
Surname ...........................................................................................................................

Date of Birth ...........................................................................................................
First Names ............................................................................................................

☐ Male ☐ Female
Town and Country of birth ..................................................................................

Home Address ........................................................................................................
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Postcode .......................................................... Telephone Number ..........................................................

Please provide the following information

Your previous address in the UK Name of previous doctor while at that address
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2 At the doctor’s

A You are feeling unwell so you phone your doctor to make an appointment. Put this conversation in the correct order:

a That’s fine, thanks.

b And your first name?

c Certainly. When would you like it for?

d Hello, I’d like to make an appointment to see Dr. Shaw, please.

e Ramirez.

f OK. What’s your last name?

g As soon as possible, please.

h Right, so the doctor will see you tomorrow at 3.45pm.

i Luis.

j Thank you.

k Well, the earliest appointment we have available is tomorrow afternoon at 3.45.

B Match the sentences to find expressions you can use at the doctor’s.

My neck aches. It hurts to walk on it.
I’ve got a sore throat. My whole head really hurts.
I keep getting terrible headaches. It’s very painful.
I’ve sprained my ankle. I’ve got a bad cold.
I’ve cut my hand. It hurts when I swallow.
I keep coughing and sneezing. I’ve been sick.
I’ve got stomach ache. I can’t turn my head.
3 People, places or things?

A Write the words in the correct column. Use your dictionary to find the meaning of any words that you don’t know.

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B Now use some of these words to fill the gaps in the sentences below:

1 He was injured during the match, so they carried him away on a ____________.
2 An experienced ____________ carried out the operation.
3 Take this ____________ to the chemist’s to get your medicine.
4 The ambulance rushed him to the ____________ of the local hospital.
5 When she broke her arm, the nurse put it in ____________.
6 Dr Shaw will see ____________s between 8.30 and 11.00 a.m.
7 Which ____________ is Dilip in? I want to go and visit him.
8 The nurse took my temperature with a ____________.