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

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS and tick [✓] as appropriate.

[ ] Mr  [ ] Mrs  [ ] Miss  [ ] Ms  Surname .................................................................

Date of Birth .................................................................

[ ] Male  [ ] Female  First Names .................................................................

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.  I

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 ________________.