

A Visit to the Doctor

Level: A2

Dr Lee (A) talks to Tom (B), who is ill. Read the dialogue, then do the exercises. You can listen to the lines, too.

Reading text

A: Good morning. What is the problem? **B:** I have a bad cough and a sore throat. **A:** When did it start? **B:** It started three days ago. **B:** Yesterday I also had a fever, and I felt very tired. **A:** Do you have a headache? **B:** Yes, I do. My head hurt all night.

A: Let me check your throat. **A:** Please open your mouth wide. **B:** Is it serious, doctor? **A:** No, it isn't. You have a cold, but you must rest at home. **A:** You should drink a lot of water and hot tea. **B:** Can I go to work tomorrow? **A:** No, you mustn't. **A:** You have to stay in bed for two days.

A: Here is some medicine for your throat. **A:** You must take it twice a day, after meals. **B:** Do I have to come back? **A:** You don't have to come back if you feel better. **A:** But you should call me on Friday if you still have a fever. **B:** Thank you very much, doctor. **A:** Get well soon!

Glossary

cough	a sound you make when your throat is not well
sore throat	a pain in your throat
fever	a very hot body when you are ill
headache	a pain in your head
serious	very bad, not small
rest	to stop work and relax
medicine	something you take when you are ill
meals	the times when you eat, for example breakfast or dinner
tired	when you want to sleep

Exercise 1: Choose the correct answer

Select the option that answers the question.

- What does the doctor say Tom has?
a) A broken arm b) A cold c) A bad knee
- What should Tom drink?
a) Coffee and juice b) Cold milk c) Water and hot tea
- Can Tom go to work tomorrow?
a) No, he mustn't b) Yes, he can c) Yes, but only in the afternoon

Exercise 2: Right or wrong?

Decide whether each sentence is correct.

4. Tom has a headache. True / False
5. Tom must stay in bed for a week. True / False
6. The doctor says it is serious. True / False

Exercise 3: Fill the gaps

Type the missing word.

7. The doctor gives Tom some ____ for his throat. (you take it when you are ill)
8. Tom's body is very hot. He has a _____. (he feels very hot)
9. Tom has a cough and a sore _____. (you swallow with it)

Exercise 4: Listen and choose

Listening: online only.

Exercise 5: Listen and write

Listening: online only.

Answer key

Exercise 1: Choose the correct answer

1. b) A cold
2. c) Water and hot tea
3. a) No, he mustn't

Exercise 2: Right or wrong?

4. True
5. False
6. False

Exercise 3: Fill the gaps

7. medicine
8. fever / temperature
9. throat

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