

**I. Phrases to practice:**

I need help.	I need an aspirin.	I need some cough syrup.
I need a bandaid.	I can't sleep.	I can't walk.
My head hurts.	My foot hurts.	I have a cold.
I have an earache.	I fell.	I feel sick.
I feel better.	Does this hurt?	Breathe deeply.
Is it serious?	Is it painful?	Call a doctor!

**II. Reading a school note:** Tony Martin is sick. His mother wrote a note to the teacher. The note says that Tony will be absent from school today. Read her note. Tell the class what the note says.

*Dear Mrs. Benson,*

*My son, Tony Martin, is sick today. Tony has a fever. He will not come to school. Please excuse his absence. I hope he will feel better tomorrow.*

*Sincerely,  
Mrs. Martin*

**III. Work with a partner** to practice these conversations and answer the questions. If you have trouble, ask the teacher.

Conversation 1

Emily: Family Practice Clinic. This is Emily.

Al: Hello, my name is Al Sharp. I am feeling bad today. I would like to see Dr. Edwards.

Emily: I'm sorry. Dr. Edwards has no appointments today. He can see you on Friday at 9 AM.

Al: I am very ill. Is there another doctor I could see?

Emily: Yes, Dr. Shepherd has an appointment at 3:30 this afternoon. Would you like that appointment?

Al: Yes. I will take that appointment.

Emily: Please bring your insurance card with you.

Al: Yes, I will.

Questions:

What is the name of the clinic?

Who answers the phone at the doctor's office?

What is the patient's name?

What doctor does Al ask to see?

When is Al's appointment?

What does Emily ask Al to bring with him?

Conversation 2

Julia: Doctor, my stomach is cramping. I am nauseous. I want to throw up.

Doctor: Did you eat anything strange recently?

Julia: I had some fish. It did taste funny. Do you think I have food poisoning?

Doctor: hYes, I believe you do.

Questions:

What are Julia's symptoms?

What does the doctor think Julia has?

**II. Read and discuss these conversations. Teachers: After the students read the conversation, ask them to tell what happened in the conversation.**

<p>A: What is wrong?          B: I feel sick.          A: Do you want to lie down?          B: Yes, I need a place to lie down.          A: Here is a couch. Lie down here. I will get help.</p>	<p>A: What's the matter?          B: I have a cold.          A: Do you have fever?          B: I don't think I have fever. I have a runny nose and a cough.</p>	<p>A: Where is Dina?          B: She is not at work today. She is home sick.          A: What's wrong with her?          B: She has a bad cough.          A: Does she have a cold?          B: I think she has allergies.</p>
<p>A: Where is Eva today?          B: She stayed home. She is ill.          A: What is wrong with her?          B: She has a sore throat.          A: I'm sorry. I hope she feels better.</p>	<p>A: What happened to your leg?          B: I broke a bone in my foot.          A: How long do you have to wear that cast?          B: For three weeks.          A: Does it hurt?          B: Just a little.</p>	<p>A: Are you sick?          B: Yes, I feel awful. My stomach hurts. I have nausea.          A: Are you going to the doctor?          B: No, I am going home.          A: I hope you feel better.</p>
<p>A: Are you a pharmacist?          B: Yes, I am. Can I help you?          A: I have a bad cough. I cough all night. I cannot sleep. Do you have medicine for a cough.          B: We have some over the counter cough syrup. They will help you. I will show you where they are.          A: Thank you.</p>	<p>A: Excuse me. Do you know where there is a pharmacy?          B: There is a CVS Pharmacy at the next intersection. It is on the southwest corner.          A: Can I fill a prescription there.          B: Yes you can fill prescriptions and get over the counter medicines there.          A: Thank you.</p>	<p>A: Where is the nearest pharmacy?          B: There is a Walgreen's Pharmacy south of the river on Riverside Dr.          A: How far is that? Can I walk there?          B: It is too far to walk. It is about four miles away. You can take bus 12 to Riverside Dr.</p>
<p>A: Here is my prescription. How long will it take to fill?          B: There are three people ahead of you. It will take about thirty minutes. Do you want to wait for it or pick it up later?          A: I will wait for it. Do I pick it up here?          B: Yes, we will call your name when it is ready. You can wait over there.          A: I need some other things. I will shop for them. I will listen for my name.</p>	<p>A: Mr. Ramos. Mr. Ramos. Your prescription is ready.          B: Here I am.          A: Have you taken this medicine before?          B: No, I have never taken this medicine before.          A: This medicine should be taken on an empty stomach.          B: What does that mean?          A: It means you must not eat before you take this medicine.          B: I just ate a sandwich. How long should I wait.          A: Don't take it for two hours after you eat.</p>	<p>A: This medicine says, "for external use only". What does that mean?          B: It means it is not for inside your body. That medicine is an anti-itch cream. You rub it on your skin. It keeps you from itching.          A: So I should not swallow this medicine.          B: That is correct. It is for external use only.</p>
<p>A: Where does your leg hurt?          B: It hurts here.          A: Does it hurt when you walk on it?          B: Yes, it hurts a lot.          A: We will need an x-ray.</p>	<p>A: How long have you felt bad?          B: For several weeks.          A: Have you run a temperature?          B: I don't have any fever. I am just very tired. I have no appetite.          A: We should do some blood work.</p>	<p>A: Where is a hospital. My baby fell and cut his head. He needs stitches.          B: There is an emergency clinic down the street. You should take him there. They will sew him up.          A: Thank you. I will.</p>

