

At the Doctor's Discussion

Activity Type

Speaking Activity: asking and answering questions, guided discussion, freer practice (group work)

Focus

At the doctor's

Aim

To practice or review healthcare vocabulary and discuss visiting the doctor, describing symptoms, and discussing medicines.

Preparation

Make one copy of the cards for each group of three or four and cut as indicated.

Level

Intermediate (B1)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

In this visiting the doctor discussion activity, students practice healthcare vocabulary and talk about doctor visits, describing symptoms, medicines, and ways to manage common health issues.

Procedure

Divide the students into groups of three or four.

Give each group a set of cards.

Ask the students to shuffle the cards and place them face down in a pile on the table.

Students then take turns picking up a card and asking the other students in the group the healthcare question on the card.

Each student responds to the question in turn, and the students then discuss the topic.

This process continues until all the question cards have been discussed.

When the students have finished, review the questions on the cards and elicit answers from around the class.

Any interesting findings can then be discussed in more detail.

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How do you usually **make an appointment** with your doctor, by phone or online?



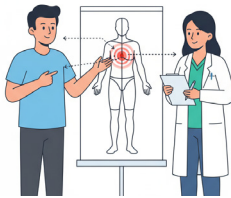
Do you have a regular **GP**?
What do you like about them?



What is the **doctor's surgery** in your area like?
Is it busy or quiet?



How do you describe your **symptoms** when you speak to a doctor?



When you **have a temperature**, what do you do first at home?



What helps you when you have a **sore throat**?



How do you deal with a **headache** at work or school?



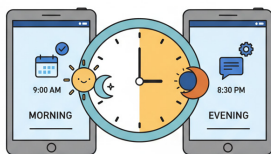
Have you ever needed a **prescription**? What was it for?



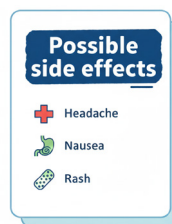
How do you remember to **take medicine** on time?



If you must take **tablets** twice a day, what times would you choose?



What **side effects** would make you call the doctor?



Which **chemist** do you use and why do you like it?



Have you ever had your **blood pressure** checked?
Where?



Do you have any **allergies**?
If so, what do you need to avoid?



How often do you go for a **check-up** with your GP?

