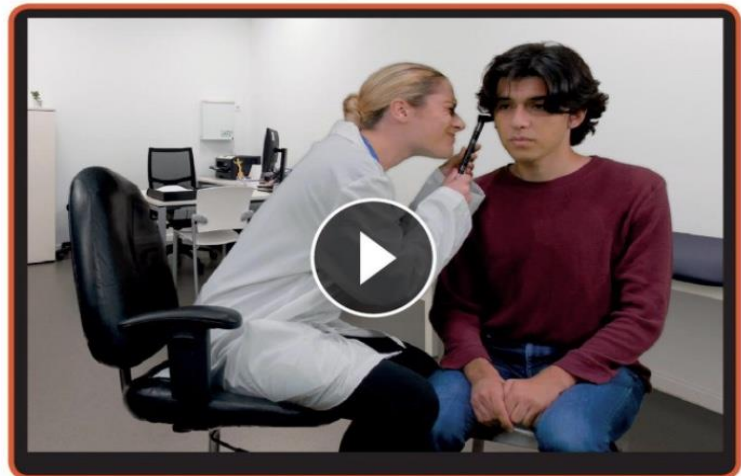


At the doctor's

- 1 A lot of people look up their medical problems on the Internet. What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of this?

Speaking strategy

Try to add variety to your speaking by using variations of "yes," "I don't know," and "no," such as "sure," "OK," "I'm not sure," and "no way."



- 2 067 **Watch, listen, or read** Why is Zac at the doctor? How long has he had the problem?

Doctor	Hello.	Doctor	I'll check your temperature. Yes, it's a little high. You'd better take some antibiotics, and you should get plenty of rest.
Zac	Hi, how are you?	Zac	Oh, OK.
Doctor	Good, thanks. What seems to be the problem?	Doctor	Here's a prescription. Take it twice a day for five days.
Zac	Well, I feel really sick. I have a bad earache. I've also had some pain in my neck.	Zac	What should I do if it doesn't get better?
Doctor	How long have you had the earache?	Doctor	You should come back and see me, but I'm sure you will be fine.
Zac	Umm, I've had it for about two days now.	Zac	That's great. Thanks very much.
Doctor	Can I take a look?	Doctor	You're welcome.
Zac	Sure.		
Doctor	Hmm. You probably have an infection there. Have you had a fever?		
Zac	I'm not sure.		

- 3 **Pairwork** Practice the dialogue in exercise 2.

- 4 068 **Real English** Complete the phrases from the dialogue. Then listen, check, and repeat.

Doctor

What seems to be the ?

How have you had (the earache)?

Can I take a ?

You probably (an infection).

Here's a . Take it (twice a day).

I'll (your temperature).

You'd take (some antibiotics) and you get plenty of rest.

Patient

I really (sick).

I a bad (earache).

I've also had some in my (neck).

I've had it about (two days) now.

What I do if it doesn't get better?

5 Write mini-dialogues about the health problems and solutions.

- 1 headache → should / pain medication
- 2 toothache → 'd better / dentist
- 3 a cold → should / rest
- 4 a cough → should / cough medicine
- 5 sore throat → 'd better / antibiotics

I have a headache.

You should take some pain medication ...

6 Pairwork Practice a dialogue between a doctor and a patient.

- Patient: Write down some problems and symptoms and the length of time you've had them. Then tell the doctor.
- Doctor: Listen to the patient's symptoms. Prescribe a remedy and give any other appropriate advice.

What seems to be the problem?

Well, I haven't felt well for a few days ...



Beat the clock

How many other accidents, illnesses, and remedies can you remember in three minutes? Add them to the mind map below.



Link it

Pairwork You have had a minor injury and you go to the Emergency Department (ED) at the local hospital. Have a conversation with the doctor. Remember to use phrases from *Real English*. The doctor in the ED will first introduce himself / herself and then ask you for your name and date of birth.

