

At the Doctor

Infos

Doctor	Patient
Good afternoon. Good morning.	Good morning. Good afternoon.
Please sit down.	Thank you.
What seems to be the problem?	Well, I'm having a pain in my belly. My back is aching. I have a strange feeling in my wrist. I feel some pressure in my temples. I have a terrible itch on my back. My right leg is swollen. I fainted. My elbow is hurting. A sore throat. I need some medicine for my hay-fever.
Since when do you have this? When did it start?	It started yesterday morning, when I got up. Two days ago about half an hour after I had dinner. I'm not sure, a few days ago ... I think.
Where exactly does it hurt? Does it hurt? Do you have any pain?	Here, just under my ribs. Right here. Well, all over my back. In the lower part of my back. From here to here.
Let me have a look. Stand up and take off your shirt, please. Does this hurt? And this? And how does this feel? Stretch your arm, please? Now bend your arm? As much as you can, please?. Now stretch it again. All the way. Turn your head to the left. Now to the right. Look up. Hold your head still and look down.	That doesn't hurt. Ow [aʊ], that hurts! (Also written as aww.) Ouch [aʊtʃ], that hurts! Ai, that hurts a bit. (For milder or sudden pain) That feels unpleasant. I can't bend more than this. I can't stretch more than that.
Please, lay down here. Sit down here, please. Let me listen to your heart and lungs. If you stretch your left arm, I will take your blood pressure.	How are my heart and my lungs? How is my blood pressure?

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<p>Heart and lungs are ok. Blood pressure is 120 over 80. That's very good. Your blood pressure is rather high, 140 over 95. That is a bit worrying. It seems you have a sprained ankle. ... a strained muscle. ... some kind of infection. ... some kind of allergy.</p> <p>Well, I can't find out what is wrong with you. Best is that you go to hospital to be examined there. It seems to be something with your lungs but I can't be sure. You better see an internist. If you need to see another specialist, the internist will tell you.</p>	<p>What should I do? Is it serious? Should I stay in bed? Do I have to take any medicine? What is that? Can I work normally? Can I go to school normally?</p>
<p>Nothing serious. You should watch out with what you eat the next few days. Try to avoid lifting weight for a few weeks. No need to take any medicine. It will get better by itself. I'll give you a prescription for some good antihistamine. [,æntɪ'hɪstəˌmɪn -,mɪ:n] You can take it once or twice a day, depending on how bad your allergy is. I don't think it is serious but you'd better ask the specialist to be sure. I will write you a letter, explaining why I sent you there. For about a week, walk as little as possible and keep your leg up when you're sitting. You can take it (up to) three times a day.</p>	<p>How long will it take to get better? And what should I do if it doesn't get better?</p>
<p>In a few days you should start to get better. If by the beginning of the next week you don't feel better, you call me.</p>	<p>Thank you. Goodbye.</p>
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Note: Alternative spellings for cry of strong pain: ow, aww. Cry of milder (or sudden) pain: ouch, ai.