

Doctors and Illnesses

Welcome to Talk Time!

How are you? How is your week going?
Discuss the idiom of the week: "catch a cold"



Let's get started

1) Look at the picture-story below. Discuss the pictures as a group.

For example, ask and answer these questions: What do you see in picture 1? What month is it? What is happening in picture 2? Who is the woman?



2) In pairs, practice telling the story in your own words. For example, you could start by saying, "In June, a man named..."

3) As a group, tell the story. One student begins the story. Go around the table. Each student adds a detail until the story is complete.

4) Discuss these questions:

- What advice would you give to the man in the story?
- When was the last time you went to the doctor? How often do you see a doctor?
- How do you decide when to see a doctor? (For what illnesses and pains do you see a doctor? For what illnesses and pains do you NOT see a doctor?)
- Have you or a family member ever been to the hospital? What happened?

Conversation skills

Ask each other questions using the words *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how*. Let's also use the phrase "Tell me more." The best questions are the questions YOU ask!

Interviews: Interview 2 people. Ask, “What do you do when you have a...?” Write their answers in the chart. (See the example below.)

Name	Headache 	Sore throat 	Stomachache 	Sore back 
Kelli	Take Tylenol	Drink hot tea		

Share something from your conversation with the group.

Discussion

How often do you get sick in one year? How often do you catch a cold?

What do you do to prevent illness? (For example, do you exercise?)

What is the best way to find a doctor if you are new to an area?

What is the health service like in your country? Are doctors, doctors’ offices, and hospitals in your country different from doctors, doctors’ offices, and hospitals in America? Explain.

Is it expensive to go to the doctor in your native country? Explain.

What is the longest time you waited to see a doctor? What did you do while you waited?

Have you ever had a bad experience with a doctor? Explain. What can you do if you do not trust your doctor?

How do you feel about getting shots? How do you feel about having your blood taken?

Have you ever broken a bone? How did you break it?

Have you ever been to an acupuncturist? What do you think of acupuncture?

What do you think of the health care system in America?

How would you improve health care in your native country? In America?

Group Reflection: What did you learn today? What did you learn about yourself or someone in the group? What do you want to talk about next week?