

Topic: Going to the Doctor

Let's get started...

How often do you go to the doctor? How do you feel when you go to the doctor? Are you nervous or scared?

Background:

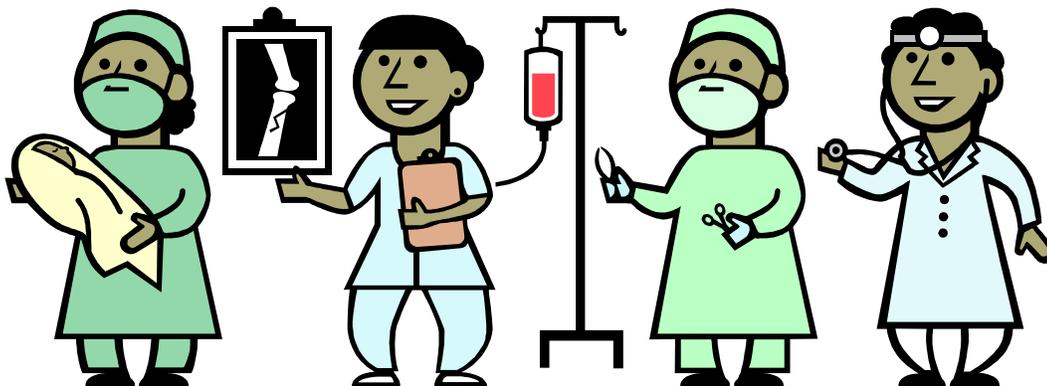
People go to the doctor for many different reasons. Some people go to the doctor for a check-up, and some people go to the doctor when they are sick. Doctors are a very important part of the community. They help people stay healthy and feel good.



In pairs for 5 minutes, ask and answer these questions:

Imagine a friend from your country needs to go to the doctor in America for the first time. Tell your friend what they should do.

Should you make an appointment?  
Where is the doctor's office?  
What should you bring?  
How much will it cost?



Share your partner's answers with the group.

Discussion Questions:

Are doctors, doctors' offices, and hospitals in your country different from doctors, doctors' offices, and hospitals in America?

What did you think about the doctor when you were a child?

Do you have to make an appointment to see a doctor in your country?

Talk about different kinds of doctors.

Would you ever want to be a doctor? Why or why not?

Have you ever had a bad experience at the doctor? What happened?

What do you think about filling out paperwork at the doctor? Do you have to fill out paperwork at the doctor in your country?

What is difficult about going to the doctor in America?

What is the longest time you had to wait to see a doctor? What did you do while you waited? Is it common to wait for the doctor in your country?

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

What do you do when you are waiting in a doctor's office?

Have you ever been to the emergency room? What was it like? Is the emergency room in America different from the emergency room in your country?

Are doctors respected in your country? What is the most respected job in your country?

How many years of school does it take to become a doctor in your native country? How many years of school does it take to become a doctor in America?

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

Is it common to donate blood in your native country? Have you ever donated blood?

In your country, are doctors usually male or female? Is it difficult for men or women to become doctors?

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

Do women usually give birth in their home or in a hospital in your native country?

What should you do if you don't trust your doctor?

**New words and Idioms:**

nervous, scared, check-up, healthy, appointment, office, hospital, paperwork, shots, blood, emergency room, respect, bone, donate, birth