

COMMUNICATION

Going to the doctor

LEVEL

Beginner (A1)

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English



Learning outcomes

- I can arrange a doctor's appointment and explain my symptoms in very simple terms.
- I can talk about my feelings using 'it makes me...'



When you feel ill, you need to
make a **doctor's
appointment.**





Going to the doctor

a doctor's appointment



I am ill, and need to make **a doctor's appointment.**

health clinic



My doctor works at the **health clinic.**

Going to the doctor

plaster



Plasters are for small cuts.

medicine



Medication and pills are kinds of **medicine**.

pill



A **pill** is a kind of medicine.



Going to the doctor



I am calling to make **a doctor's appointment.**

My appointment is at the **health clinic.**





Talking about health



I need to take a **pill** twice a day.

Can I make **a doctor's appointment** for Tuesday?



It is not a big cut, so I only need a **plaster**.

My doctor gives me **medicine** to make me better.





I put a **Band-Aid** over my small cut.

In the U.S., plasters are called **Band-Aids**.



Unscramble

appointment.

I need

to

make

doctor's

a



at

the

My

appointment

is

health clinic.



What do these words have in common?



plaster

medicine

pill

medication



Expressions with *make*

- We use the verb ***make*** in many expressions in English.

I make...

a doctor's appointment.

He makes...

a phone call.

They make...

dinner.



Expressions with *make*

- Use **make + object pronoun** to talk about how something feels.

It

makes me

sad.

It

makes him

happy.

Vegetables

make you

healthy.

Dairy

makes her

ill.



Making an appointment

Fill in the **gaps** with the words below. Then **act out** the dialogue with a classmate.



Andy

Hello. I need to make an _____ with the doctor.

Okay. Are you free _____ at 6pm?



Rita



Andy

Yes I will come after _____.

And what problem do you _____.



Rita

this evening

have

appointment

work



Making an appointment



Andy

I have a terrible pain in my tooth! It's horrible. I need some strong _____.

Your tooth? Then you need to go to the _____. Not the doctor!



Rita



Andy

But I'm scared of the dentist! The doctor is so much _____.

nicer

medication

dentist



What is wrong with these people?





What is wrong with these people?





Match the sentences

1 She is...

2 I

3 Are you...

4 It makes me...

5 Winter makes me feel...

a sad.

b making a phone call?

c making an appointment with the doctor.

d feel ill.

e am taking my medication.



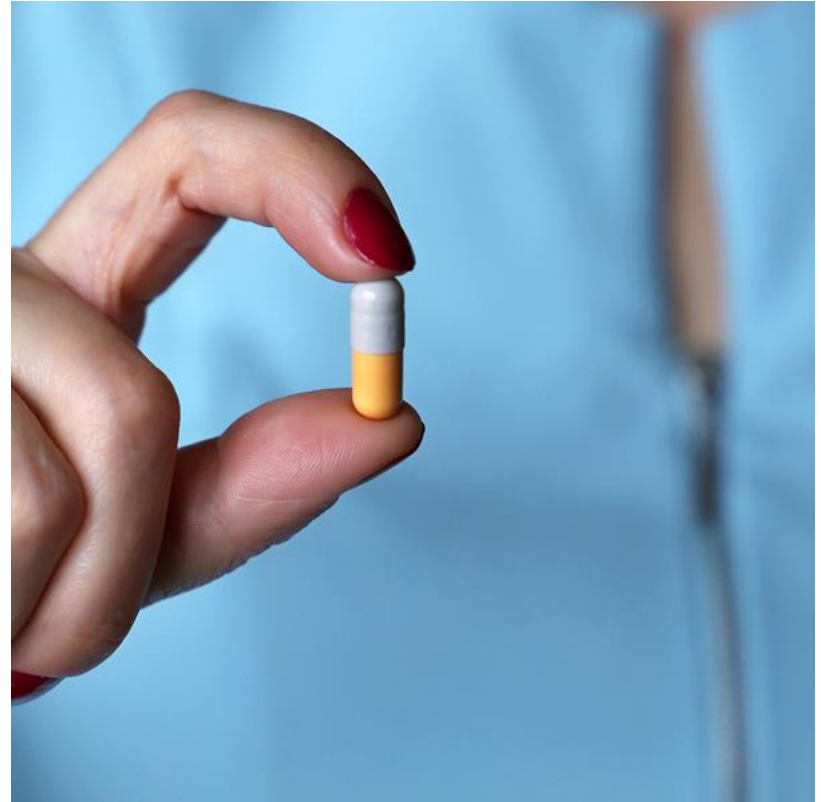
Make a sentence with each word

plaster

medication

health clinic

appointment





Expressions with *have*

- We use **have** when talking about being ill or to talk about your health condition.

Pronoun + verb

Object

I have...

the flu.

We have...

a fever.

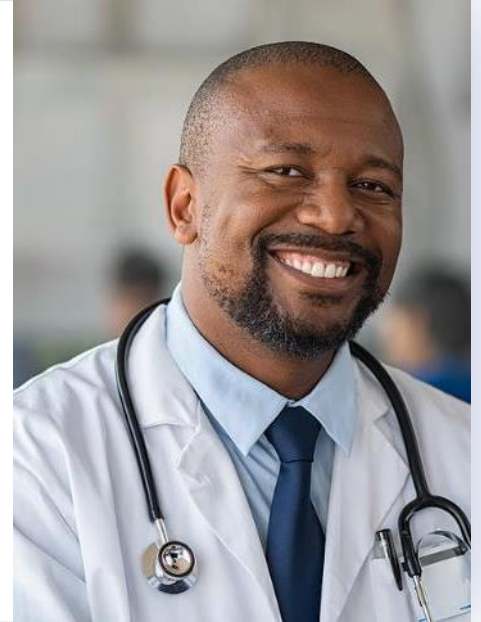
He has...

a broken leg.



Fill in the gaps

Timothy _____ a fever, so he is
_____ an appointment with the doctor. The
doctor _____ him medication. The
_____ will make him _____ much
better.



feel

has

making

medication

gives



Transform the sentences

Write the sentences as a question.

1 She feels ill.



Does she feel ill?

2 I am ill.



3 The doctor is calling.



4 I can go to the health clinic.



5 Fruit is healthy.



6 You feel better.





When you are ill, what makes you feel better?





Role play

You are at the **doctor's office** with a classmate. One of you is the **doctor** and the other is the **patient**. The patient must **explain** to the doctor what is wrong. The doctor must give **advice**.



Doctor

Give some advice.

How are you feeling?



Patient

Explain what is wrong.

I have a headache and a fever.

- headache
- fever
- sneeze
- cough
- cold
- injury
- medication
- healthy



End of the lesson

Idiom

a picture of health

Meaning: to look very healthy

Example: I wonder what John has been doing lately. He is a picture of health!



Additional practice



Match the words to the pictures

1



2



3



4



5



6



a health clinic

b medicine

c a doctor's appointment

d plaster

e injury

f pill



Fill in the gaps



1 He _____ at the hospital because he is a doctor.

2 She makes a _____ to the health clinic.

3 I have a small injury. Do I need a _____?

4 I _____ very ill when I have the flu.

5 She _____ much better today.

feel
plaster
works
feels
phone call



Make sentences with the words. Talk about you. 

injury
ill
swimming
health
clinic
pill
a doctor's appointment
medicine
sick
plaster
...makes me
feel...
to have



What is happening?

Write five sentences about the picture. How does the woman feel? What is wrong with her? What does the doctor do?







Answer key

P.9: I need to make a doctor's appointment. My appointment is at the health clinic.

P.13/14: appointment, this evening, work, have, medication, dentist, nicer

P.17: 1) c, 2) e, 3) b, 4) d, 5) a

P.21: 2) Am I ill? 3) Is the doctor calling? 4) Can I go to the health clinic? 5) Is fruit healthy? 6) Do you feel better?



Answer key



P.27: 1) d, 2) f, 3) e, 4) a, 5) b, 6) c

P.28: 1) works, 2) phone call, 3) plaster, 4) feel, 5) feels



Summary

Expressions with **make**:

- We use the verb **make** in many expressions in English, e.g. *make an appointment, make a phone call, make dinner.*
- Use **make + object pronoun** to talk about how something feels, e.g. *It makes me sad. It makes me feel ill.*

Expressions with **have**:

- We use **have** when talking about being ill or to talk about your health condition.
- *I have the flu. I have a fever. I have a broken leg.*



Vocabulary

a doctor's appointment

health clinic

plaster

medicine

pill

to make

to have

