

Sick In India

I'm in India, travelling **by myself**. Its a great place and I love it. I arrive in a town called Jodhpur. Though I like the country, I have a big problem.

I ate some bad food . Now my stomach is bad. Everyday, my stomach gets worse. In the beginning, I only had **nausea**. I lost my **appetite**. But now I've got **diarrhoea** and **vomiting** too. I feel terrible.

However, I want to see Jodhpur, so I leave my hotel and walk into the city. The city is filled with old stone buildings. Some of the buildings are painted blue. I **make my way** to a huge hill in the middle of the city. On top of the hill is a big fort. I **hail a cab** to take me to the top of the hill.

When I arrive, I walk around the fort. The views from the top are amazing. I can see the whole city. I'm walking when suddenly I get a **sharp pain** in my stomach.

"Ohhh", I cry. I sit down. My skin is **pale**. I feel weak.

A British tourist comes over and asks me, "Are you OK?"

"No", I say. "I think I need to see a doctor".

The British woman says, "Ill help you... I'll take you to a doctor".

We walk out of the fort and find a taxi. We tell the taxi driver, "Take us to the nearest hospital". The taxi driver looks at me and says, "You don't look good. You look very white- **sorta** like a ghost. You definitely need a doctor."

He drives fast-- down the hill, through the streets, to a small hospital.

We go into the hospital. The British girl says, "He needs to see a doctor, he's very sick".

The nurse gives me some papers and says, "**Fill out** these forms. Be sure to **fill in** all the information correctly". There are 78 pages to fill out. Each page has 67 blanks to fill in.

"Oh my god", I say, "I'm too sick to do this. I want to see the doctor now".

The nurse says, "You must fill out all the forms first!"

I'm too sick to do it. So instead, I fall on the floor and act **as if** I'm having a **seizure**! I kick my legs, wave my arms, and yell really loud.

The nurse says, "Oh my god." She runs and gets the doctor. They take me in a room and the doctor **examines** me.

He says, "You'll be OK, but you can't eat any more Indian curries. You can only eat bananas and white rice".

He gives me a big banana. I eat it and I'm very happy. My stomach feels much better.

Vocab

by myself: alone

nausea: bad feeling in stomach, no desire to eat, upset stomach

appetite: desire to eat

diarrhoea: uncontrolled shitting, too much defecating

vomiting: throwing up, (food comes up from your stomach and out your mouth)

make my way: go (slowly)

hail a cab: call a taxi

a sharp pain: a very strong pain in a specific part of the body

pale: without color, colorless

sorta [sort of]: kind of, a little bit like

fill out: write information in/on

fill in: write information in/on

as if: like, similar to, pretending to

seizure: uncontrolled body movements

examines: looks at carefully