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SPEAKING

A doctor's appointment

I can describe basic symptoms to a doctor.

1 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

arm	☒	back	☐	chest	☐
a cough	☐	dizzy	☐	foot	☐
ill	☐	indigestion	☐	left leg	☐
neck	☐	a runny nose	☐	shoulder	☐
sick	☐	a sore throat	☐	a temperature	☐
thumb	☐	very well	☐		

1 I've got ...

2 I've got a pain in my .../My ... hurts.

3 I feel ...

2 3.41 Read the dialogue and choose the correct option. Then listen and check.

Doctor: Hello, Andrew. What's the problem?

Andrew: I've got a ¹ pain / sore in my chest.

Doctor: I see. And when did it start?

Andrew: A few days ago.

Doctor: Do you have any other ² sicknesses / symptoms?Andrew: Yes, sometimes my stomach ³ hurts / is dizzy.Doctor: And how are you feeling now? Have you got a headache? Do you ⁴ have / feel dizzy?Andrew: No, I feel okay. But when I have a stomachache I feel a bit ⁵ sick / hurt.Doctor: I see. And do you have this ⁶ illness / pain all the time?

Andrew: No, I get it in the evening after dinner, and sometimes after lunch.

Doctor: Aha. Okay, I'm going to examine you.

3 3.42 Read and listen to Part 2 of the dialogue and answer the questions.

1 What does Andrew think the problem is?

2 What does the doctor think the problem is?

3 What does the doctor suggest?

Doctor: Now ... Breathe in and out for me. Good, thank you. Now, open wide – hmm, that looks fine. Right, I'm just going to take your temperature ... Okay, that seems normal. Now lie down, please. If I push here, does it hurt?

Andrew: Ow. A little bit. Do you think it's my heart, doctor?

Doctor: Your heart! Why would it be your heart? You're sixteen years old.

Andrew: My mum says I eat the wrong things and I eat too quickly and she thinks I'll have a heart attack before I'm twenty.

Doctor: I see. Well, your heart is fine. We don't need to operate just yet. I think you've got indigestion. But your mother's right – you need to eat more slowly, and you should drink more water. I'm going to give you a prescription – take one tablet after each meal. Make another appointment to see me in a month.

Andrew: Aren't you going to do a blood test?

Doctor: No, I don't think that's necessary.

Andrew: Oh good, thank you very much.



4 Complete the SPEAKING FOCUS with verbs in Part 2 of the dialogue.

SPEAKING FOCUS

Diagnosis

When did the pain start?

I'm going to examine you/¹ take your temperature.I'm going to ² _____ a blood test ...

Breathe in and out.

³ _____ wide.

Lie down, please.

If I press here, does it hurt?

I think you've got indigestion/flu/an infection/a virus ...

You're probably allergic to ...

Treatment

You should eat more slowly/go on a diet.

You need to drink more water.

I'm going to ⁴ _____ you a prescription.I'm going to ⁵ _____ an appointment for you (e.g. to see the specialist).⁶ _____ one tablet after each meal.5 **SPEAKING** Follow the instructions below to prepare a dialogue. Use the SPEAKING FOCUS to help you.

Student A: You're a student. You are doing a language course in the UK. You fall ill and go to see a doctor. Tell the doctor your symptoms and answer any questions.

Student B: You're a doctor. Your patient is a foreign student. Find out about his/her symptoms, ask questions and give advice.

6 **SPEAKING** Practise your dialogue. Then act it out to the class.

ROLE-PLAY 40 41

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 40  41 Watch the video and practise. Then role-play your dialogue.