

Activity 1

Discuss with your partner the meaning of the following words.

treat cure heal

Activity 2

Use the following phrases in the correct form to complete the sentences below.

to be prone to to get better to get over to suffer from to run in the family to come down with

1. It took her several weeks to the death of her dog.
2. Yesterday he had a temperature but today it has gone down. He
3. I don't feel very well today. I think I something.
4. She sometimes gets very bad headaches. She migraines.
5. When I was a child I tonsillitis. I had it so frequently that in the end they took my tonsils out.
6. Everybody in my family wears glasses – my grandparents, my parents, and my sister and me. Bad eyesight

Activity 3

Work with a partner to match the following punch lines to the 'Doctor, Doctor' jokes below.

a) 'Well, pull yourself together!' b) 'Remember to take the spoon out next time!'
c) 'Well, just be glad you aren't a fish!' d) 'Use a pencil instead.'

1. 'Doctor, Doctor! Every bone in my body hurts!'
2. 'Doctor, Doctor! My son has just swallowed my pen! What should I do?'
3. 'Doctor, Doctor! I keep thinking I'm a pair of curtains!'
4. 'Doctor, Doctor! Every time I drink a cup of tea I get a terrible pain in my eye!'

Activity 4

Use the following questions to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. Do you have 'Doctor, Doctor' jokes in your country? Can you translate any of them?
2. Have you ever been to hospital? How helpful were the doctors and nurses?
3. How expensive is healthcare in your country?
4. How well does the healthcare system in your country treat the very young and the elderly?
5. What do you think could be done to improve the healthcare system in your country?
6. How hard is it to become a doctor, a pharmacist or a nurse in your country?
7. Would you like to work as a doctor, nurse, etc? What are the good points and bad points of these jobs?
8. How long do you have to wait to see a doctor or have an operation in your country?
9. Does the healthcare system in your country focus more on prevention or cure of illnesses?
10. What do you do to keep yourself healthy?

Healthcare

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Activity 5

Go to **EnglishClub.com** and click on the 'TP Homework' icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. What does NHS stand for?
2. When was the NHS started?
3. Who is credited with being the 'father' of the NHS?
4. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 6

'Should free healthcare be available to everyone?'

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