

Scenarios

The Local GP

Part one

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Cast:

Doctor- Local GP (General Practitioner – Médico de familia)

Patient – Female in her forties

Doctor:	Good morning, please take a seat. Now, what can I do for you today?	
Patient:	Morning well I've been up all night with a throbbing headache / a splitting headache.	
Doctor:	I see and How are you feeling at the moment?	
Patient:	Awful,I feel worse than I did yesterday. I had to call in sick this morning. I feel sick and a bit dizzy too.	
Doctor:	Rightok Any other symptoms like hot and cold sweats?	
Patient:	Yeah I was sweating during the night.	
Doctor:	I see Tell me, Have you taken anything for it?	
Patient:	Yeah, I took a couple of pain killers this morning.	
Doctor:	Ok let's take a lookCan you open wide for me? Say Ahh Ok, that's great.	
	You do, have a slight infection there at the back of the throat, so I'm going to give you something for that, and I'm going to prescribe something for the pain toook Do you have a cough at all?	
Patient:	Yeah,I've been coughing quite a lot, especially during the night.	
Doctor:	Right, What kind of cough? / Could you describe that cough for me?	
Patient:	Ermm, well, It's like a dry barking cough.	
Doctor:	Ok let's take a quick look shall we? Can you lift your t-shirt up for me? Just going to have a listen breathe deeply for meoka little slower please inhaleexhalenow breathe in, and hold your breath good now breathe out for me. Are you taking any other medicine at the moment?	
Patient:	No nothing.	
Doctor:	Are you allergic to Penicillin?	
Patient:	No, no problems there.	

Doctor: Well Judging by that there doesn't seem to be any phlegm there so...look, I want you to take this for the fever, once a day in the evenings and I'm going to give you this for the headaches and the sore throat, you have to take this three times a day (pause)

one in the morning, one at mid-day and one last thing at night and try not to take them on an empty stomach ok?

Patient: Oh that's great, thank you.

- Doctor: It sounds like you've got the flu and the infection won't clear up / disappear on its own so, don't forget to take the tablets ok?
- Patient: No, I won't forget.
- Doctor: I'd like you to come back and see me in four days time. You can make an appointment at the front desk on your / on the way out ok?

Patient: Right you are doctor, thanks a lot.

Doctor: Not at all / you're welcome / don't mention it.

See you! Goodbye.

The patient was diagnosed with the flu.



Check the key vocabulary list below

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GENERAL VOCABULARY	
Call in sick	Llamar al trabajo para decir
	que estás enfermo
(To be) up all night	Estar toda la noche despierto
(To feel) worse than before	Sentirse peor que antes
Sweating	Sudando
Coughing	Tosiendo
A couple of	Un par de…
Judging by	A juzgar por
There doesn't seem to be	<i>No parece ser</i>
Last thing at night	Última hora de la noche
The front desk on your/the way out	En el mostrador cuando salga
Not at all / You're welcome / don't	De nada
mention it.	

KEY MEDICAL VOCABULARY			
Headaches throbbing / splitting	Punzadas en la cabeza / Dolor de cabeza terrible		
(To feel)sick and dizzy	Enfermo y mareado		
Hot and cold sweats	Fiebre y sudores fríos		
Pain killers	Pastillas (analgésicos)		
A slight infection	Una leve infección		
Prescribe	Recetar		
Prescription	Receta		
A dry barking cough	Tos seca		
Breathe deeply	Respira profundamente		
Inhale, exhale (breathe in / out)	Inhala, exhala (respira, suelta el aire)		
Hold your breath	Contenga la respiración		
(To have) a Sore throat	Tener dolor de garganta		
(To take)medicine on an empty stomach	Tomar medicamento con el estómago vacío		
The flu	La gripe		
Tablets	Tabletas / pastillas		
Make an appointment	Pedir hora		
Phlegm	Flema		

KEY QUESTIONS	
What can I do for you today?	¿Expliqueme qué le pasa?
How are you feeling at the moment?	¿Cómo se encuentra ahora?
Any other symptoms?	¿Otros síntomas?
Have you taken anything for it?	¿Se está tomando algo para éso?
Do you have a cough at all?	¿Tose todo el rato?
What kind of cough?	¿Cómo es la tos?
Can you open wide for me?	¿Puedes abrir la boca?
Are you allergic to Penicillin?	¿Eres alérgico a la penicilina?

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