



Intermediate

Doctor Visit

Lesson Objectives

- To learn and practice pronunciation of medical vocabulary and idioms.
- To role play doctor-patient conversations.

Classroom Learning Activities

Activity 1 – Doctor Vocabulary

Resources Needed for Activity

- Doctor Vocabulary poster
1. Tell the students that today they will be discussing a visit to the doctor.
 2. Display Doctor Lesson Vocabulary poster.
 3. Discuss as needed and clarify for understanding and pronunciation.

Activity 2 – Doctor Conversation

Resources Needed

- Doctor Conversation poster
1. Put students in pairs. One student is the patient and one is the doctor. Role-play the doctor patient conversation, using the Doctor Conversation poster.
 2. After the pair finishes the conversation, switch roles. When they finish this, then switch partners and repeat activity as time allows.

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- ✓ _____

Activity 3 – Idioms

Resources Needed

- Doctor Idiom poster
1. Display Idiom poster. Practice pronunciation and give definitions for any unfamiliar idioms.
 2. In pairs, ask students to plan a short doctor – patient skit, using at least two of these idioms.
 3. As time allows, present skits to the class.

Idioms:

down in the dumps
in bad shape
in good shape
black out

under the weather
take a turn for the worse
take a turn for the better
run down

Activity 4 – Closing

- Review Doctor vocabulary and quiz students on word definitions.
- Review pronunciation of difficult words.

Optional Activity (if time allows) – “Let’s Talk” Game

Resources

- Copies of “Let’s Talk” papers (*Looks like a Bingo-style game card*)
 - Dice, one per group (or you might simply plan to call out numbers for each round)
1. In each group, a student will roll the die, or the teacher can call out two numbers from 1 to 6.
 2. Look at the corresponding conversation topic. Groups will discuss that topic or question. After a few minutes on that question, repeat the die roll and continue playing the game with emphasis on conversation among the group members.

Doctor Idioms

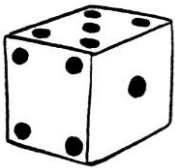
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Let's Talk

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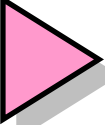
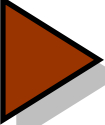



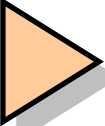



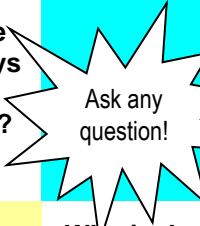
- Find your question by rolling your die twice. The 1st roll determines the number on the top. The 2nd roll determines the number on the left. **Talk for one / two minute(s) about that topic.** Your classmates will ask you follow-up questions. Your classmates can ask you anything if you land on "Ask Any Question".



1 2 3 4 5 6



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2 
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6 

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|  | How often do you catch a cold? | Explain how to stay healthy. | What foods can help you stay healthy? | Why is it important to have medical insurance? | Talk about a time you got hurt. |
| Which is worse: only 4 hours of sleep or 12? | What is the best kind of exercise? | Why is "fast food" or "junk food" bad for you? |  | How can exercise improve your health? | Why is too much stress unhealthy? |
| How can a person live to be over 100 years old? | Why is it important to wash your hands? | Why is smoking unhealthy? | What can you do if you have trouble sleeping? | Describe an accident you had before. |  |
| What are some ways to stop smoking? |  | Would you like to be a doctor? Why (not)? | Do you have a healthy lifestyle? | Describe first aid for a burn on your finger. | Do you always wear a seatbelt? Why (not)? |
| Describe first aid for a cut on your finger. | Who is the healthiest person in your family? | Are you nervous when you visit a doctor? | What is the best way to deal with stress? |  | Describe a home treatment for a headache. |
| Is it a good idea to take vitamin pills? Why (not)? | What is your favorite way to exercise? |  | What kinds of things cause stress? | Why do some people start smoking? | Where does air pollution come from? How can we reduce it? |

Ailment Vocabulary

broken bone

pneumonia

blood

cough

cast

fever

stomachache

tired

prescription

headache

bruise

shot

vomiting

diarrhea

operation

bandage

stitches

infected

itch

burn

dizzy

blurry vision

allergic

toothache

relief

symptoms

temperature

emergency

sore throat

congestion

heart attack

stroke

crutches

wrap

runny nose

rash

cavity

chills

sprain

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