

Health and medicine

A What are your symptoms?



rash



bruise



lump



spots

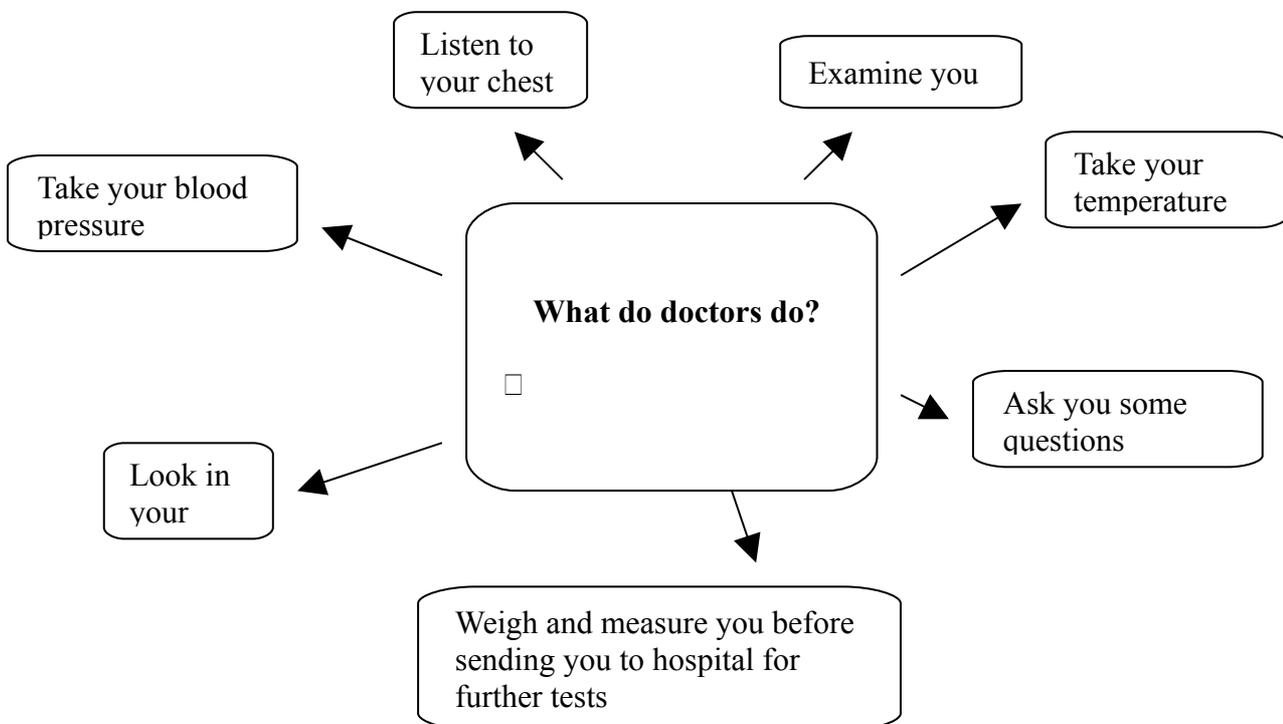


black eye

I've got a **cold**/ a **cough**/ a **sore throat**/ a **high temperature**/ a **higher temperature than normal**/ a **stomach ache**/ **chest pains**/ **earache**/ a **pain in my side**/ a **rash** on my chest /a **bruise** on my leg (e.g. after playing football)/ a **black eye** (e.g. after being hit in the eye)/ a **lump** on my arm/ **indigestion** (after eating too much)/ sickness and **diarrhoea** *daɪə'riə* (an upset stomach which makes you **vomit** and need to go to the toilet frequently)/ **sunburn**/ **painful joints** (e.g. ankles, knees, wrists, shoulders etc.)/ **blisters** (e.g. after wearing new, tight shoes).

I feel **sick**/ **dizzy** (my head is spinning)/ **breathless**/ **shivery** (cold and hot)/ **faint** (light-headed).
 I'm **depressed**/ **constipated** (not able to go to the toilet)/ **tired all the time**.
 I've **lost my appetite**/ voice; I can't sleep, my nose **itches** (I want to **scratch** it), my **leg hurts**.

B What do doctors do?



C What's the diagnosis?

I've got **flu/ chickenpox/ mumps** (singular noun)/ **pneumonia/ rheumatism/ an ulcer/ a virus/ a bug/** something that's going round.

You've **broken** your wrist and **sprained/ dislocated** your ankle.

You're **pregnant/ a hypochondriac**.

He died of **lung cancer/ a heart attack/ a brain haemorrhage/ AIDS**.

D What does the doctor prescribe?

- ✓ Take one tablet **three times a day after meals**
- ✓ Take a **teaspoonful** of medicine **last thing at night**
- ✓ **Rub** this **ointment** on you and don't spend too long in the sun without **sun cream**
- ✓ We'll get the nurse to **put a bandage on** your wrist
- ✓ You'll need some **injections** before you go to the Amazon
- ✓ I'll ask the surgeon when he can **fit you in for an operation**
- ✓ You'll have **to have you leg put in plaster** until the **break mends**
- ✓ I think you should **have total bed rest** for a week

E What might the doctor ask you?

What would you say if the doctor asked you the following questions?

- Do you have **health insurance**?
- Are you **taking any medication**?
- Have you ever had any operations?
- Are you **allergic to** anything?