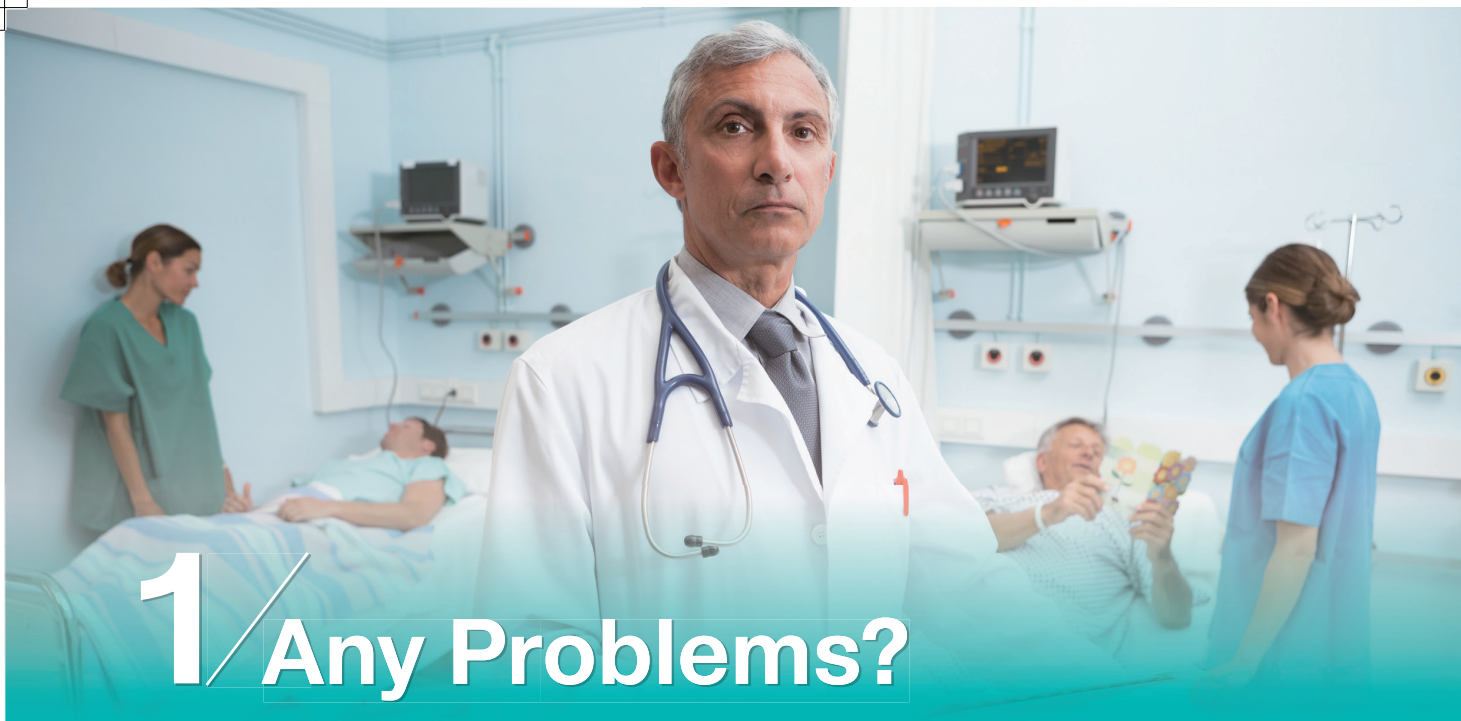




1/Any Problems?

Vocabulary

To prepare yourself for the class, look in a dictionary for the words or phrases you do not already know.

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fan
hallway
problem
roommate
the needs of (other patients)
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become available
block out
blow
choose
complain about
consider
do (your) best
get (any) rest
imagine
move to
pack
promise
snore
turn down

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available
empty
loud
noisy
own
still
unfortunately
.....

a bit
all day long
inside (the room)
right now
within (a half hour)

Find them!

Find and mark the vocabulary in the dialogue.

Any Problems?

▶ Track 01

Jerry complains to Nurse Marge about his room.

J → Jerry M → Nurse Marge

- J I need to move to a new room.
- M What's the problem with this room?
- J It's too noisy here. Also this fan blows cold air on me all day long.
- M Well, I can close your door to block out the noise from the hallway, and I can turn the fan down a bit.
- J That would be great, but it is still too loud inside the room.
- M What do you mean?
- J The patient in the bed next to me snores all day and all night, and he often talks in his sleep. It's impossible for me to get any rest!
- M I understand that it's difficult to sleep with a noisy roommate. Unfortunately we can't choose our roommates around here. I'll ask the head nurse if you can change rooms. I think there may be an empty room available soon.
- J Could you go check right now? I'm ready to pack my things and leave. I can't wait to get out of here!
- M I imagine that it must be difficult for you, but I can't promise anything, even if a room becomes available.
- J Why not?
- M The head nurse has to consider the needs of the other patients, too. Very sick patients may need their own room.
- J Well, please do your best.
- M I'm going to go speak to her now. I'll be back within half an hour to let you know.
- J Thank you.



Comprehension Practice



True or False

Mark the statements True (T) or False (F):

- 1 Jerry doesn't mind the fan being on.
- 2 Jerry can't sleep because his roommate snores.
- 3 The nurse offers to move him in half an hour.
- 4 Jerry already has his things packed to move.
- 5 Nurse Marge leaves to talk to the head nurse.
- 6 Nurse Marge will tell Jerry the decision tomorrow.



Multiple Choice

Answer the questions by circling the correct choice:

- 1 What is the main reason Jerry wants a new room?
 - a. The fan blows cold air.
 - b. His roommate snores all the time.
- 2 What does Jerry want to pack for?
 - a. To leave the hospital.
 - b. To move to a new room.
- 3 Who might get the new room before Jerry?
 - a. His roommate.
 - b. A very sick patient.
- 4 How long before Nurse Marge gets back?
 - a. Under half an hour.
 - b. Over half an hour.
- 5 Who is Nurse Marge going to talk to?
 - a. Jerry's roommate.
 - b. The head nurse.
- 6 What else does Jerry's roommate do besides snore?
 - a. Yell at Jerry.
 - b. Talk in his sleep.



Vocabulary Exercise

Fill in the blanks with the following words. Double check your answers with the class. Mark your corrections with a color pen.

deal hallway away needs noisy empty
available long a bit inside within own

- 1 Please quiet down in here! It's too
- 2 Would it be better if I turned the sound down just ?
- 3 Sometimes we have to learn to with a problem like a loud roommate.
- 4 Enjoy your visit with your mother. I'll be back an hour to pick you up.
- 5 If I turn the fan from you, will it be too hot for you?
- 6 Please think about the of other people before you take the last blanket.
- 7 John is really sick. He needs his room more than I do.
- 8 I can hear you shouting all the way from the !
- 9 Good news! I found an room for you to move into.
- 10 It will only be for a week, then someone else needs it.
- 11 You'll be much warmer if you come It's too cold out there.
- 12 The woman down the hall sings all day , but her roommate is quiet.



Patterns and Drill

Practice these sentence patterns by applying them to different situations; either use the words provided or your own words.



Examples

What's the problem with this room?

phone
fan
roommate

I'll be back within half an hour.

two days
one month
ten minutes

It's impossible for me to get any rest.

sleep
fresh air
quiet time

I can't wait to get out of here.

speak
eat lunch
go home

A room becomes available.

seat
position
ticket

I need to move to a new room.

a different class
a modern town
a bigger place

I'm ready to pack my things and leave.

eat and go
come and meet him
go back to my room and sleep

Jerry complains to Nurse Marge about his room.

the teacher, his score
the waiter, his drink
his girlfriend, the party

Conversation Practice

Fill the blanks with the appropriate phrases. Then role-play these dialogues with a classmate until you are familiar with them.

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| (a) There isn't a room available yet. | (d) This fan is blowing too cold on me. |
| (b) You must not get any rest at all. | (e) But it will keep the air from coming in. |
| (c) He is sleeping right now. | (f) I can't wait to get out of here. |

- 1 A ▷ You got a new roommate!
B ▷ Yes, but I don't like him. He snores all night long!
A ▷
B ▷ None, but the nurse said I may be able to move when a room becomes available.

- 2 A ▷ This room is very noisy. People walk pass in the hallway all day long.
B ▷ I'll close the door for you to block the noise.
A ▷
B ▷ I'll go and bring a fan back for you within half an hour.

- 3 A ▷ My patient is complaining about his roommate again.
B ▷ All the rooms are full.
A ▷ He says he's going to pack up and move into the hallway!
B ▷ Do your best to make him feel better, and I'll see if we can fix the problem.

- 4 A ▷ There aren't any empty rooms available yet.
B ▷ I'll tell him when he wakes up.
A ▷ I'm glad he was able to block out the noise for a bit.
B ▷ I imagine he was pretty tired.

- 5 A ▷ Are you ready to move into your new room?
B ▷ Yes!
A ▷ I see you have all your things packed and ready to go.
B ▷ I hope there aren't any problems in my new room.

- 6 A ▷
B ▷ I can turn it down for you.
A ▷ Just a little bit, I still like the air.
B ▷ I can move it closer to the hallway too.



Retell the Story

The main purpose of this exercise is to help students report a given incident with correct information. Fill in the blanks with appropriate pronouns. Each answer may be used more than once. Some answers might not be used at all.

he him his she her their

Jerry has a few problems with his room in the hospital. The fan blows cold air on all day long and the hallway outside his room is too loud. But Jerry's biggest problem is his roommate, who snores all day and all night. Sometimes he even talks loudly in sleep.

Jerry complained to Nurse Marge. was happy to turn the fan down a bit for him. The nurse also closed the door to block the noise from the hallway. But she couldn't move Jerry to a new room right away. She promised that would go talk to the head nurse and get back to within half an hour.

Jerry didn't want to wait. He said he was ready to pack his things and move. The nurse is very patient. She said she understood problem, but unfortunately patients couldn't choose own roommates in the hospital. Even if a new room becomes available, they will have to consider the needs of the very sick patients first.

Now Jerry can only hope the nurse comes back with good news. Otherwise, will have to find a way to sleep with his noisy roommate.



Listening and Pronunciation Practice

Three students make a team. Divide the dialogue into three sections. For each section, two students role-play the dialogue while the third student practices taking dictation. Take turns so each student has a chance to do each role once. When finished, swap your notes for a spelling check.

Role-play by (the nurse) and (the patient):

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Writing Exercise

Based on the dialogue, summarize the problems Jerry has with room:

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