



7 Report New Symptoms

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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chest

phlegm

symptom

temperature

thermometer

throat

tongue
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(have) a fever

burn

catch (a cold)

cough up

mention

report (any new symptoms)

smell

speak with

stuff up

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Do I have a fever?

I can hardly breathe through my nose.

I forgot to mention that ...

I'll (take your temperature) to make sure ...

I'm sorry to bother you.

I'm sorry to hear that.

In the meantime, can I ...?

It burns when I swallow.

It feels a little bit scratchy.

It sounds like you've caught a cold.

Find them!

Find and mark the vocabulary in the dialogue.

Report New Symptoms

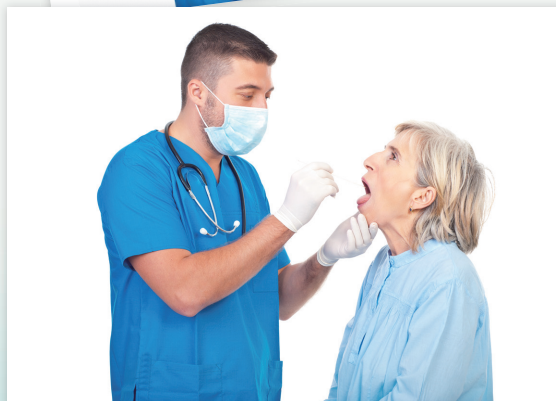
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The night nurse, Nurse Mathew, heard the call bell from Janine's room. He went over and spoke with her.

M → Nurse Mathew J → Janine

- M Hi Janine. I see that you rang the call bell. How can I help you?
- J I'm sorry to bother you, but my throat is hurting and my nose is all stuffed up.
- M I'm sorry to hear that. Did your throat just start hurting tonight?
- J Well, it felt a little bit scratchy earlier, but now it burns when I swallow.
- M And your nose feels stuffed up too?
- J Yes. I can hardly breathe through my nose and I can't smell a thing. My throat feels very dry because I've been breathing through my mouth.
- M Well, it sounds like you've caught a cold. I'll take your temperature to make sure you don't have a fever. Please put this thermometer under your tongue. Perfect.
- J Do I have a fever?
- M No. Your temperature is normal, and your throat doesn't look too bad. It's just a little bit red.
- J I forgot to mention that I'm also coughing up some phlegm.
- M Did you notice the color of the phlegm?
- J Mostly clear with a little bit of yellow.
- M Let me listen to your chest then. Take a deep breath. Your chest sounds clear. I'll report your symptoms to the doctor and I'll also make a note on your chart.
- J Thank you very much. I thought something was wrong.
- M Not to worry.* It's probably just a cold. In the meantime, can I get you something to drink for your throat?
- J Thank you. Some water would be perfect.

* "Not to worry." is not grammatically correct. It comes from non-native spoken English, but has been adopted by native speakers, similar to "Long time no see."



Comprehension Practice



True or False

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

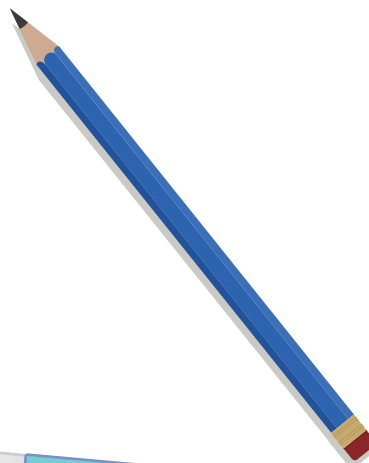
- 1 Janine's throat burned all day.
- 2 Janine doesn't have a temperature.
- 3 The nurse is worried about Janine's cold.
- 4 The nurse uses an ear thermometer.
- 5 The nurse will tell Janine's doctor about her cold.
- 6 The nurse called Janine on the phone.



Multiple Choice

Answer the questions by circling the correct choice:

- 1 What are Janine's symptoms?
 - a. A sore throat and a fever.
 - b. A cough and a stuffy nose.
- 2 What did Nurse Mathew bring Janine to drink?
 - a. Water
 - b. Warm milk.
- 3 Which one is worse?
 - a. A scratchy throat.
 - b. A burning throat.
- 4 What does Janine forget to mention at first?
 - a. Her stuffy nose.
 - b. She's coughing up phlegm.
- 5 What does the nurse think is wrong?
 - a. He thinks Janine has a cold.
 - b. He thinks Janine is thirsty.
- 6 What color is the phlegm?
 - a. Mostly yellow.
 - b. Only some yellow.



Vocabulary Exercise

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

stuffed up burn caught coughing up fever thermometer
mention chest phlegm symptoms scratchy temperature

- 1 Let me listen to your Take a deep breath.
- 2 You might have a slight You feel a little warm.
- 3 I'll your new symptoms when I report your cold to your doctor.
- 4 My throat is still Can I have something to drink?
- 5 Did you tell the doctor about my new ?
- 6 I'm not coughing up anymore, you don't need to bother the doctor.
- 7 Don't talk while the is under your tongue.
- 8 Does your throat still when you swallow?
- 9 Doctor, the patient in Room 12 has a nose. She can hardly breathe!
- 10 I think she may have a cold, since she doesn't have a fever.
- 11 Are you still phlegm?
- 12 I'm going to take my patient's I think he has a fever.



Patterns and Drill

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



Examples

Do I have a fever?

a bruise
a high cholesterol count
a tumor

It feels a little bit scratchy.

tender
dry
sore

It burns when I swallow.

he, sits up
she, turns on her side
Sam, uses the bathroom

I can hardly breathe through my nose.

smell a thing
get any rest
stand up

It sounds like you've caught a cold.

a room became available
you feel much better
you discovered new problems

I forgot to mention that I'm also coughing up some phlegm.

feeling numb
having trouble sleeping
taking pain medicine

In the meantime, can I get you something to drink?

give, him, listen to
find, her, read
bring, you, eat

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 No, it's still sore. | d I think I may have caught a cold. |
| b My nose is stuffy, and I'm coughing a lot. | e No. But your throat looks a little red. |
| c Mostly clear, but there is some yellow. | f Do you think I have a fever? |

- 1** A ▷ Did you ring the call bell?
 B ▷ Sorry to bother you. My throat burns when I swallow!
 A ▷ Do you have any other symptoms?
 B ▷

- 2** A ▷ I'm going to take your temperature.
 B ▷
 A ▷ No, I think it's just a cold.
 B ▷ I can hardly breathe through my nose!

- 3** A ▷ The nurse told me you have some new symptoms.
 B ▷ Yes, Doctor. I'm coughing up phlegm.
 A ▷ Is it yellow or green?
 B ▷

- 4** A ▷ My nose is so stuffed up I can hardly breathe!
 B ▷ Is your throat feeling any better?
 A ▷
 B ▷ I'll make a note on your chart.

- 5** A ▷
 B ▷ What are your symptoms?
 A ▷ I'm coughing up phlegm and my throat hurts.
 B ▷ I'll report your symptoms to your doctor.

- 6** A ▷ Hold this thermometer under your tongue.
 B ▷ Do I have a fever?
 A ▷
 B ▷ It has been feeling a little scratchy.



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 **adverbs** and **adjectives**. Use each answer only once:*

seriously
deep

mostly
bad

every
hardly

really
little

new

Janine wasn't feeling good at all when she rang her call bell last night. Nurse Mathew was the night nurse on duty who came to help her. Her throat was sore; it burned time she swallowed! Earlier that day it had been scratchy, but it got worse during the night. Her nose was also very stuffed up. She could breathe, and couldn't smell a thing.

The nurse was pretty sure she'd caught a cold, but he wanted to make sure. He took her temperature to make sure she didn't have a fever. Janine was glad to hear she didn't have one, and that her throat didn't look too, it was just a red.

Janine remembered she had been coughing up phlegm too. She told Nurse Mathew it was clear, with a little yellow. The nurse told her to take a breath and listened to her chest. Her chest sounded clear, but he made a note on her chart, and said he would report the symptoms to the doctor.

Janine was happy that nothing was wrong with her. She drank some water to help her dry throat and went back to sleep.



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 symptoms Janine has:

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