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HEALTH CARE

Picture Story

What is happening in these pictures?

Emergency Room

- What is an emergency room?
- Where do you go for an emergency?

Primary Care

- Where do you go for basic health care?
- When was your last checkup?

Word List

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HEALTH INSURANCE CONTROL MARKED MARKE	Health insurance	In SHER uns	A program where you pay each month and then the program pays for your health care			
	Medical interpreter	in TERP ret er	A person who is trained to translate for doctors and patients			
Clinic	Primary care center		A place you go for basic health care needs. It could be a health center, clinic or doctor's office			

Reading

Where do I go for health care?

- When you are well, see your doctor for a checkup. Your doctor will look for problems you do not see or feel.
 Finding a health problem early may save your life.
- When you are sick, go to your primary care center.
 Your primary care center is the place you go for all your basic health care needs. Call your primary care center to make an appointment.
- When you have an **emergency**, go to the hospital emergency room or call 911. An emergency is when you have a serious medical problem that needs to be addressed right away.







The best way to pay for health care is to have health insurance.

To learn how you can get health insurance and how to get help paying for it, call **1-800-318-2596** or go to the Health Insurance Market Place,

www.healthcare.gov

Maria's Story

Read the story and answer the questions.

- Last year, Maria was sick. She did not go to the doctor. One night she could not breathe. Her husband took her to the **emergency** room. She stayed in the hospital for three days.
- 2 Maria is sick again. She has a bad cough. She does not want the cough to get worse. She does not want to go to the emergency room. She calls the health center to make an **appointment**. She also asks for an interpreter.
- 3 At the health center they ask Maria, "What is your name?" They ask, "Do you have **health insurance**?" Maria gives them her health insurance card.

THIS IS MARIA.



4 They give her a form to fill out. The form is in English only. Maria asks if they have the form in Spanish. Maria asks for an **interpreter**.

Writing

- 1. Why did Maria go to the emergency room?
- 2. Why does she make an appointment at the health center?
- 3. What do they ask Maria when she arrives at the health center?
- 4. Why does she ask for an interpreter?

Speaking

Practice this dialogue with a partner.

Dialogue

Health Center: Hello, health center. How may I help you? Patient: Hello, this is Fatima Tuma. I want to make an appointment. Health Center: How do you spell your name? Patient: T U M A Health Center: What is the problem? Patient: I have a headache and sore throat. Health Center: Do you have a fever? Patient: No, I don't. Health Center: Okay, come in tomorrow at 10 am. Patient: Thank you.



Dialogue

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 Health Center: What is the problem?

 Patient: I have ______ and ______.

 Health Center: Do you have a fever?

 Patient: ______.

 Health Center: Okay, come in ______ at 10 am.

 Patient: Thank you.



Practice

1.	What is your name?
2.	What is your address?
3.	What is your phone number?
4.	What is your email address?
5.	Where do you go for health care?
6.	What health insurance do you have?

Find these words in the word search puzzle.

- Appointment
 Copay
- Insurance

- Breathe
- Cough

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Interpreter

- Checkup
- Emergency
- Patient

U	D	С	G	- I	Е	J	А	Ζ	V	А	Ν	С	- I	G
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G	R	Р	Y	С	Z	1	K	Т	K	0	Т	G	V	G
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F	Т	Р	Z	G	D	F	C	S	K	Р	Р	Е	Т	N
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Action

Find a local health center. Make an appointment.

Step 1: Use a phone book, call 211, or use the internet.

Step 2: Search for a health center near you.

- Health center name ______
- Health center phone number ______
- Health center address ______

Step 3: Call the health center to make an appointment for a checkup.

What is 211?

211 is a phone service that tells you information about free and low-cost services near you. To learn more, call 211 now.

Websites

Center for Medicaid and Medicare http://www.cms.hhs.gov/apps/contacts

Health Insurance Market Place http://www.healthcare.gov

MedlinePlus: Recognizing Medical Emergencies http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/ency/article/001927.htm

DOCTORS

Picture Story

What is happening in these pictures?

Asking Questions

- What is the doctor asking the patient?
- What is the patient asking the doctor?

Describing Symptoms

- What body part is the patient pointing to?
- Why is the patient visiting the doctor?

Word List

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	Fever	FEE ver	When your body temperature is too high		
	Headache	Hed A eek	Pain or ache in your head		
Transformation and the second s	Health history	Helth HISS tor EE	The health problems you had in the past		
	Medicine	MED uh sin	Used when you are sick or have aches and pain to help make you feel well		
	Sore throat	SOR th ROT	When your throat hurts, it is hard to swallow		
	Symptoms	SIMP tums	Something that happens in the body that shows you have an injury or illness		

Reading

What will the doctor ask me?

- What are your symptoms? Before you go to the doctor, practice describing your symptoms in English. Practice with a friend or family member.
- What **medicines** do you take? Before you go to the doctor, write down the names of medicines you take and how much you take each day. Give this list to your doctor. Or you can bring you medicines with you and show them to your doctor.
- What is your **health history**? Your health history is the health problems you have now or had in the past. Your doctor will ask you to fill out a health history form.





What will I ask the doctor?

Be sure you understand the answers to these questions before you leave your **appointment**.

- What is my main problem?
- What do I need to do?
- Why is it important for me to do this?

It is your doctor's job to clearly explain the answers to these questions.

It is your job to be sure you understand the answers before you leave the doctor's office.



John's Story

Read the story and answer the questions.



John is 50 years old. He is a healthy man. Once a year he goes to the doctor for a **checkup**. John's father was not a healthy man.

He calls his health center to make an **appointment**. He says, "I need to make an appointment for a checkup." The woman on the phone says, "Please come in on Tuesday at 4:30 pm."

When he arrives at the health center, the woman at the front desk gives him a **health history** form. He fills out the health history form while he waits for the doctor.

The form asks, "Do you have any **allergies**?" The form asks ", Do you take any **medicines**?" He thinks of questions to ask the doctor. Then the nurse says, "The doctor is ready to see you."

Writing

- 1. How does John stay healthy?
- 2. Why does he call the health center?
- 3. What do they give John when he arrives at the health center?
- 4. What questions do you think John will ask his doctor?

Speaking

Practice this dialogue with a partner.

Dialogue

Doctor: Hello, my name is Dr. Weston. How may I help you?

Patient: I have pain in my back.

Doctor: Do you have any other symptoms?

Patient: Yes, it hurts when I walk .

Doctor: I can give you some medicine to help. Take it two times a day.

Patient: How long should I take the medicine?

Doctor: Take all the medicine. It should last about one week.



Patient: Thank you, doctor.

Dialogue

Doctor: Hello, my name is Dr. _____. How may I help you?
Patient: I have pain in my ______.
Doctor: Do you have any other symptoms?
Patient: Yes, it hurts when I _____.
Doctor: I can give you some medicine to help. Take it _____.

Patient: How long should I take the medicine?Doctor: Take all the medicine. It should last about



Patient: Thank you, doctor.

Practice

Read the body parts words out loud in English. Then write the words in your own language. Use the pictures on the next page to help you locate the body parts

Use your dictionary or ask a friend of family member who speaks your language

English	My Language
Arms	
Back	
Chest	
Ears	
Eyes	
Feet	
Hands	
Head	
Mouth	
Neck	
Nose	
Shoulders	
Stomach	



Action

Fill out this health history form. Use your dictionary to look up the words you don't know. Save this form and bring it with you to your next checkup.

Name:	Date of birth:				
How is your health?	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	
Have you been to the docto	r for checkup wit	hin the last ye	ar?	Yes	No
Have you been to the dentis	st for a cleaning v	vithin the last	year?	Yes	No

Check the symptoms you have <u>now</u> or had in the <u>past</u>.

Symptom	Now	Past	Symptom	Now	Past
Allergies			Nausea		
Cough			Pain		
Dizziness			Rash		
Fever			Sore throat		
Headaches			Stomach ache		
Itching					

Websites

Questions are the Answer

http://www.ahrq.gov/apps/qb/

Choosing a Doctor: Quick Tips

http://www.healthfinder.gov/HealthTopics/Category/doctor-visits/regular-check-ups/choosing-a-doctor-quick-tips



Picture Story

What is different about these two pictures? What is the same?

Over-the-counter Medicine (OTC) Prescription Medicine (Rx)

What can you learn about this medicine from the label?

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Word List

LOOK AT THE PIC	TURE. READ THE WO	ORD. SAY THE WORD.	READ WHAT IT MEANS.
Picture	Word	How do I say it?	What does it mean?
	Generic	Gen AIR ik	Not a name brand, usually less expensive than the name brand
Drug Facts Active ingradient (in each tablet) Purpose Chaobinamine maleals 2 mg	Label	LA bel	On the medicine bottle or box that describes how to take it
Accession Micense Building Responses Development Deve	Over-the-counter (OTC)	O ver the COUNT er	Medicine anyone can buy at a store, you do not need a prescription
PRESCRIPTIONS PICK-UP & DELIVERY	Pharmacy	FARM uh see	Where you go to buy medicine
	Pharmacist	FARM us sist	A person who works in the pharmacy, the person who fills prescriptions
Midwest Medical Interns International States International States Market Register States Reg Register States International Stat	Prescription (Rx)	Pre SCRIP shun	You need one of these from a doctor to buy certain medicines
MAY CAUSE DROWSINESS ALCOHOL INTENSIFIESE USE CARE USING MACHINE MAY CAUSE DIZZINESS TAKING MORE THAN RECOMMENDED MAY CAUSE BREATHING PROBLEM	Side effect	SIDE e fekt	An unwanted result or symptom you get from taking some medicines

Reading

What does a medicine label tell you?

A medicine label tells you about the medicine. It tells you:

- the name of the medicine.
- who the medicine is for.
- about possible side effects.
- about possible dangers (warnings).

A medicine label tells you how to take the medicine. It tells you:

- how to take the medicine.
- **how much** medicine to take.
- how often to take it.

Do not share prescription medicines with friends or family. Medicines can cause sickness and even kill a person when used the wrong way.



Alicia's Story

Read the story and answer the questions.

Alicia went to the doctor. The doctor gave her a prescription. Alicia took the prescription to the pharmacy. She gave the prescription to the pharmacist. The pharmacist filled the prescription and gave her the medicine. Alicia asked the pharmacist, "How do I take this medicine?" The pharmacist said, "Take two pills, twice a day."

ABC/Pharmacy, 615 E. 23rd Street, Hialeah	, FL 33107	(305) 555-6554
Rx# 10178 13222		
Rodrigues, Alicia 54 Bloom Street Hialeah, FL 33024	daily	
Take 2 tablets by mouth twice Minocycline 100 MG tablets Dr. HANES, A	, ually	
No refills	Qty. 30	Discard After 03/24/2015
Important: Finish all medicine unless otherw	ise directed by your doctor.	

Writing

- 1. What is the name of the medicine?
- 2. How much medicine will Alicia take each day?
- 3. How often will she take it each day?
- 4. How many pills are in the bottle?
- 5. What does the warning label say?

Speaking

Practice this dialogue with a partner.

Dialogue

Pharmacist: Hello, how can I help you?

Patient: I need to find an **over-the-counter** medicine for <u>allergies</u>.

Pharmacist: What are your symptoms?

Patient: I have a headache and sneeze often.

Pharmacist: Here is a medicine that works for many people. Try this medicine.

Patient: Will this medicine cause side effects?

Pharmacist: The **label** says this medicine may make you feel <u>sleepy</u>.

Patient: Is there a medicine that will not make me sleepy?

Pharmacist: Yes, try this one.

Patient: Thank you.



Dialogue

Pharmacist: Hello, how can I help you?
Patient: I need to find an over-the-counter medicine for

Pharmacist: What are your symptoms?

Patient: I have _____ and _____ often.

Pharmacist: Here is a medicine that works for many people. Try this medicine.

Patient: Will this medicine cause side effects?Pharmacist: The label says this medicine may make you feel

Patient: Is there a medicine that will not make me _____?

Pharmacist: Yes, try this one.

Patient: Thank you.



Practice

Match each word with the correct definition.

Word		Definition
1. Pharmacy	A	Used when you are sick or you have aches and pains to help make you well again
2. Over-the-counter	В	Not a name brand medicine, usually less expensive than the name brand
3. Prescription	С	An unwanted result or symptom you get from taking some medicines
4. Medicine	D	On the medicine bottle or box that describes how to take it
5. Pharmacist	E	Where you go to buy medicine
6. Warning label	F	A person who works in a pharmacy, the per- son who fills prescriptions
7. Label	G	You need one of these from a doctor to buy some kinds of medicine
8. Side-effect	Н	Medicine you can buy at a store, you do not need a prescription
9. Generic	Ι	A label that describes dangers and what NOT to do when taking medicine

Action

Make a list of all the medicine you take. Write the name of the medicine, why you take the medicine, and how much medicine you take.

List the PRESCRIPTION medicines you take.

Name of medicine	Why you take it	How much you take

List the OVER-THE-COUNTER medicines you take.

Name of medicine	Why you take it	How much you take

Websites

MedlinePlus: Drugs, Supplements and Herbal Information

http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginformation.html

Medicine Vocabulary Practice

http://www.reepworld.org/englishpractice/health/medicine/index.htm

HEALTHY FOOD

Picture Story

What is different about these two pictures? What is the same?

Fast Food

- Which are the foods that are not healthy?
- Why are they not healthy?

Healthy Food

• Which are the foods that are healthy?

CHAPTER

• Why are they healthy?

Word List

LOOK AT THE PICTURE. READ THE WORD. SAY THE WORD. READ WHAT IT MEANS.						
Picture	Word	How do I say it?	What does it mean?			
	Fiber	FI bur	Foods that help you feel full and helps your stool come out			
	Nutrient	New TREE ent	In foods and needed by people to stay healthy, vitamins are a kind of nutrient			
	Obesity	oh BEE sit ee	Being very overweight, a weight that is dangerous for your health			
Respec	Recipe	Re si PEE	List of what goes into a meal and how to prepare it			
	Sodium	SO dee um	Another word for salt			
Vitamin A Vitamin B1 Vitamin B2 Vitamin B2 V	Vitamins	VI ta mins	A kind of nutrient in foods that help fight sickness and keep the body strong and healthy			

Reading

What is Healthy Eating?

Healthy eating means the body is getting the foods it needs to stay healthy. Healthy eating can prevent **obesity** and other health problems.

More Variety

To stay healthy you need to eat foods from the five food groups. These five food groups are 1) Fruits, 2) Vegetables, 3) Grains, 4) Protein Foods, and 5) Dairy.

More Fruits and Vegetables

One of the best things you can do for your health is eat more fruits and vegetables. Fruits and vegetables give you the **fiber** and **vitamins** your body needs to stay healthy.

These are some vitamins found in foods.







Larisa's Story

Read the story and answer the questions.

Larisa's family eats too much meat and not enough fruits and vegetables. Larisa wants to make her family a healthy meal. Help Larisa make a healthy meal for her family. Choose foods from the five food groups.

Fruits:	Vegetables:	Grains:	Protein:	Dairy:
Apples	Broccoli	Brown rice	Beef	Cheese
Bananas	Carrots	Corn bread	Black beans	Milk
Grapes	Peas	Pasta	Chicken	Yogurt
Orange	Spinach	Tortillas	Nuts	
Strawberries	String beans	Wheat bread	Fish	



Writing

- 1. What healthy meal does Larisa make her family?
- 2. What healthy meal will you make for your family?

Speaking

Practice this dialogue with a partner.

Dialogue

Larisa: What fruits do you like to eat? Marc: I like to eat <u>oranges</u> and <u>apples</u>. Larisa: What vegetables do you like to eat? Marc: I like to eat <u>broccoli</u> and <u>carrots</u>. Larisa: Do you like to eat <u>spinach</u>? Marc: <u>No, I do not</u> like to eat <u>spinach</u>. Do you? Larisa: <u>No, I do not</u> like <u>spinach</u>, either. Larisa: Do you like to eat <u>strawberries</u>? Marc: Yes, <u>strawberries</u> are my favorite food.

Dialogue

Larisa: What fruits do you	like to eat?
Marc: I like to eat	and
Larisa: What vegetables d	lo you like to eat?
Marc: I like to eat	and
Larisa: Do you like to eat	?
Marc: li you?	ke to eat Do
Larisa:	like to eat
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Crossword

Complete the crossword puzzle. Use these words.

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				3							4	
								5				
6							8					
7												

ACROSS

- 3. found in foods that help your body stay healthy and strong
- 5. the fleshy part of a plant
- 6. how the body uses food to keep healthy
- 7. directions and list of ingredients for making and preparing food

DOWN

- being very overweight, a weight that is dangerous to your health
- 2. helps food more through the body
- 3. part of a plant you cook or eat raw
- 4. another name for salt
- 8. vitamins are an example of this

Action

Think of a healthy meal you like to cook. Write down all the ingredients. Write down the steps you take to prepare the meal. Share your recipe with a friend.

Ingredients				
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				



Steps	
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	

Websites

MyPlate Food Groups

http://www.choosemyplate.gov/food-groups/

Food Vocabulary Practice

http://www.reepworld.org/englishpractice/health/food/index.htm

STAYING HEALTHY

How can you stay healthy?

- There are many things you can do to stay healthy. Not smoking is one of the most important things you can do to prevent poor health and stay healthy.
- Eating healthy foods helps your body stay strong and not get sick. More exercise is also good for both your mind and your body.
- Setting and reaching health goals will improve your health and the health of your family at all ages.

CHAPTER

These **6** staying healthy goals will help prevent poor health and keep you and your family healthy. What will you do TODAY to reach these goals?



Check Your Learning

Answer these questions to check your learning. The correct answers are listed on the next page.

1. Where do you go for healthcare when you are sick?

- a. Emergency room
- b. Primary care center
- c. Prescription
- 2. What is the best way to pay for health care?
 - a. Cash
 - b. Credit card
 - c. Health insurance
- 3. Which is a symptom of the flu?
 - a. Fever
 - b. Allergies
 - c. Medicine
- 4. What is on a health history?
 - a. Questions about your appointment
 - b. Questions about your insurance
 - c. Questions about your health
- 5. Where do you buy prescription medicine?
 - a. Pharmacy
 - b. Pharmacist
 - c. Over-the-counter
- 6. Which medicines are less expensive?
 - a. Name brand medicine
 - b. Generic medicine
 - c. Label
- 7. How many food groups are there?
 - a. Ten
 - b. Six
 - c. Five
- 8. What is another word for sodium?
 - a. Soap
 - b. Salt
 - c. Sugar

Answers

b, c, a, c, a, b, c, b

Websites

Health Finder
 http://healthfinder.gov/myhealthfinder/

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	Recipe	Re si PEE	List of what goes into a meal and how to prepare it
MAY CAUSE DROWSINESS ALCOHOL INTENSIFIES EFF USE CARE USING MACHINE MAY CAUSE DIZZINESS	Side effect	SIDE e fekt	An unwanted result or symptom, you get from taking some medicines
	Sodium	SO dee um	Another word for salt
	Sore throat	SOR th ROT	When your throat hurts, it is hard to swallow
	Symptoms	SIMP tums	Something that happens in the body that shows you have an injury or illness
May cause particular bie acce under and accession Way cause particular ¹⁴ Anna cause accession	Warning label	WAR ning LA bel	Describes dangers and what NOT to do when taking medicines
Vitamin A	Vitamins	VI ta mins	A kind of nutrient in foods that help fight sickness and keep the body strong and healthy

Notes



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