



This week...

Scott has come down with a cold. He has a sore throat and a very bad cough. He is at the pharmacy getting some medicine.

Lesson Targets

- Talking about symptoms
- Getting medicine from the pharmacy

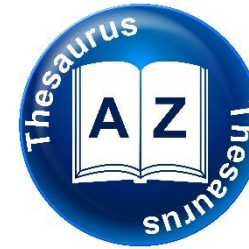
Daily English Conversation

Super Class



Have you been to the pharmacy to get some medicine recently?





* Choose the most appropriate meaning of the word from the four options.

1. nasty

- ☐ inflated
- ☐ sterile
- ☐ awful
- ☐ unassuming

2. slight

- ☐ momentous
- ☐ pertinent
- ☐ inconsiderable
- ☐ relevant

3. continue

- ☐ digress
- ☐ halt
- ☐ letup
- ☐ maintain

4. symptom

- ☐ hearsay
- ☐ rejection
- ☐ material
- ☐ indication

5. medicine

- ☐ hindrance
- ☐ impediment
- ☐ remedy
- ☐ defect

6. sore

- ☐ painless
- ☐ insensitive
- ☐ aching
- ☐ cordial

Scott	Excuse me. I have a nasty cough and a sore throat. Can you recommend some medicine for me?
Pharmacist	How long have you had these problems for?
Scott	I have had the sore throat for about a week and the cough for a couple of days.
Pharmacist	I see. Do you have any other symptoms?
Scott	I also have a headache and a slight fever .
Pharmacist	It sounds like you have the flu. I recommend taking this medicine three times a day after meals .
Scott	How long should I continue taking this medicine for?
Pharmacist	Take it for one week. If you don't feel better by then , please go and see your doctor.
Scott	Thanks a lot for your help.



Student A is at the pharmacy getting some medicine for a particular problem. Student B is the pharmacist.

Key Phrases

- I have a nasty
- I also have
- How should I take it?
- How long have you had it for?
- Do you have any other symptoms?
- I recommend taking this medicine.
- Take it a day after/before/with meals.
- *Other*

Symptoms

- sneezing
- sore throat
- earache
- stomach pain
- sore neck
- runny nose
- stiff shoulders
- *other*



- ☐ When was the last time you took a day off work due to illness?
- ☐ Which do you prefer, Chinese medicine or Western medicine? Why?
- ☐ Have you ever had any side effects from taking medicine?



We should test medication on animals
before testing on humans.

A

Agree

B

Disagree

American Slang

- **barf** – to vomit
Jim **barfed** on the bus and had to go to the drug store to get some medicine.
- **dicey** – risky; dangerous or likely to cause trouble
Taking over-the-counter medication is **dicey**. It's best to consult your doctor.

Australian Slang

- **sook** – a person who complains or is overly sensitive
He said he can't play today because he has a runny nose. He is a big **sook**!
- **chuck a sickie** – take a day off sick from work when you're perfectly healthy
I don't want to go to work tomorrow. I'm going to **chuck a sickie**.

British Slang

- **skive** – to take the day off work due to faking an illness; to pull a sickie
I don't think he's **skiving**. I saw him at the pharmacy this morning.
- **bits and bobs** – various things; some stuff, a few things or tasks
I popped in to the pharmacy to get some **bits and bobs** for my mum.



Wakana



Monica

Surfing the Net

Alternatively referred to as web surfing, surfing the net has become a popular pastime for many Internet users. Many people enjoy moving from place to place on the Internet searching for topics that may interest them. Next week Wakana is visiting Monica's apartment and they are surfing the net together talking about the things they are interested in.