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Conversation Preparation Guides

Title: Describing Symptoms

Topic: Health Care

Level: Novice-Intermediate

Practice on Your Own

- Make a list of all the body parts you know.
- Practice the words for health, fever, sick, pain, etc.
- Imagine you are sick. You have a fever and a headache. Practice telling someone that you are not well and explaining what is wrong.
- Imagine you go to see a doctor. The doctor asks you about your health, and you answer accordingly.

Practice in Conversation Session

- Be prepared to tell your conversation partner and classmates the body parts you know.
- Tell your conversation partner the words for health, fever, sick, pain, etc.
- Do a role play with your conversation partner where the conversation partner will ask you about your health and you will tell what problems you are experiencing (e.g. pain/fever/etc.).
- Do a role play where your conversation partner will pretend to be a doctor and you will be a patient. You need to describe your symptoms to the doctor and answer the questions asked by the doctor.

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