

Dialogue Workout # 51

1.

A: I'm Doctor Harris. How have you been feeling?

B: Not too well, doctor. I have a bad cold.

A: How long have you had this cold?

B: For about three weeks now.

A: Have you had any fever or chills?

B: I've had a fever that comes and goes.

2.

A: I have a couple of questions about your health history.

B: Sure. I'll be glad to answer them.

A: Have you ever been hospitalized?

B: Yes, I was in the hospital three years ago.

A: For what reason?

B: I had an operation on my left knee.

3.

A: Have you ever had a bad reaction to any drug?

B: Yes, I took penicillin last year and got a rash.

A: Do you have a history of heart disease in your family?

B: No one in my family has had heart disease.

A: Has anyone in your family had cancer?

B: As far as I know, no one has had cancer either.

4.

A: Doctor, I'm not feeling very well.

B: What seems to be the problem?

A: I have a very bad headache.

B: Do you have it all the time or does it come and go?

A: I have it mostly at night and in the morning.

B: So, it goes away during the day?

5.

A: What seems to be the trouble, Mrs. Jones?

B: I feel dizzy and nauseous.

A: How long have you been feeling dizzy and nauseous?

B: I have felt that way for the past three days.

A: Have you tried any over the counter medications?

B: Yes, I tried Pepto Bismol, but it didn't work.

6.

A: Doctor, my son hasn't been feeling very well.

B: He hasn't? What seems to be the matter?

A: He hasn't been able to move his neck since Saturday.

B: What was he doing on Saturday?

A: He was playing soccer and he fell down.

B: I think it would be best for him to get an X-ray.

7.

A: I'm a little concerned about your blood pressure.

B: Oh, really doctor? But, I've been feeling fine.

A: Still, I'm giving you blood pressure medication.

B: Do I really need this medicine? I feel fine.

A: It will lower your blood pressure to a normal level.

B: Are there any side effects with this medicine?

8.

A: You might feel dizzy at first, but it will pass.

B: Is there anything else I can do for my blood pressure?

A: Yes, try to get some exercise every day.

B: What kind of exercise is the best?

A: Walking is good exercise. Swimming is good, too.

B: I already exercise every day, but I'll try to do more.

9.

A: Excuse me. Are you okay?

B: I think I just sprained my ankle.

A: Oh, no. Can I do anything to help? Should I call a doctor?

B: No, that's okay. I think I'll be all right.

A: Well, let me at least help you get on your feet.

B: Thanks very much. You're very kind.

10.

A: How are you feeling today, David?

B: Not very well, Dr. Harris. My neck still bothers me.

A: What seems to be the problem?

B: It's very stiff. I can hardly move it.

A: How long has your neck been stiff?

B: It's been stiff since the soccer game last Saturday.

## Dialogue Workout # 52

1.

A: How is your knee feeling today Carol?

B: I'm afraid it's still quite swollen, Doctor.

A: Let's take a look. How long has it been swollen?

B: It's been swollen for about a week.

A: Is it causing you any pain?

B: Yes, it is. It sometimes hurts quite a bit.

2.

A: You should take an antiinflammatory medication.

B: Which one do you recommend?

A: There are several antiinflammatory medications.

Anything with ibuprofen is good.

B: I'll check the labels in the pharmacy.

A: Yes, and I think you should ice the knee twice a day.

B: All right, doctor. Thanks for you help.

3.

A: Dr. Harris looks exhausted. What's the problem?

B: He's been in the office since early this morning.

A: How many patients has he seen so far?

B: I think he's already seen about eight patients.

A: That's a lot of patients. No wonder he's tired.

B: He has to see another ten patients before he's done.

4.

A: How long have your children had those little red spots?

B: They have had little red spots for the last 24 hours.

A: Those little red spots are all over their bodies.

B: I know. I've been rather worried about them.

A: It's not serious. It looks like a case of the measles.

B: Measles. I'd better keep them home from school.

5.

A: Would you like to make an appointment to see the doctor?

B: Yes, please. But only in the morning. I work in the afternoon.

A: Is 9:00 tomorrow morning convenient?

B: Yes, that's fine. Do I need to bring anything?

A: Please bring your health insurance card with you.

B: All right. I'll see you then.

6.

A: Excuse me. Is it possible to change my appointment?

B: Yes. Was your appointment for today?

A: Yes, it was. I can't come today. How about next week?

B: How is next Friday at 4:00 in the afternoon?

A: That's fine. Thank you for changing it.

B: I will cancel today's appointment.

7.

A: I would like to make an appointment to see Dr. Harris.

B: The soonest I can give you three weeks from now.

A: I really need to see the doctor before that.

B: Well, if there is a cancellation, I can get you in sooner.

A: Okay. Will you notify me as soon as there's a cancellation?

B: Yes, I will. The best I can do is put you on our list.

8.

A: If this is an emergency, I can give you a referral.

B: Could you explain to me what a referral is?

A: A referral is another doctor with the same specialty.

B: That's a good idea. I really would like to see a doctor.

A: You can try Doctor Randalls. I'll give you her phone number.

B: Thanks very much for your help.

9.

A: Have you ever seen Doctor Randalls before?

B: No, I haven't. This is my first visit. Usually I see Dr. Harris.

A: Did Dr. Harris's office refer you to us?

B: Yes, they did. Dr. Harris is pretty booked up this month.

A: Would you please fill out this form? It's your medical history.

B: Sure, I'd be glad to. Do you have another pen? This one is out of ink.

10.

A: Hello, Doctor Randalls. Dr. Harris referred me to you.

B: Yes, Doctor Harris is a good friend of mine.

A: I seem to have a problem with hiccups. They won't go away.

B: I suggest you drink a glass of water when it happens.

A: Does that usually help the hiccups?

B: Yes, sometimes, it makes them go away. If not, call and make another appointment.

Dialogue Workout # 53

1.  
A: Excuse me. Are you by any chance Tony Jeffers?  
B: George Parker! I can't believe it's you.  
A: It's been a long time. How have you been?  
B: Fine. I've been great. And how about you?  
A: Everything is fine with me, too. It's great seeing you.  
B: So, tell me what's been happening with you.

2.  
A: I'm married now. That's the most important news..  
B: Married? Fantastic. How long have you been married?  
A: I've been married for two years now.  
B: Two years? Do you have any children?  
A: Yes, I have one daughter. She's one year old.  
B: Wow. A lot has changed in your life.

3.  
A: How about you? Do you still live on Capp Street?  
B: No, I haven't lived on Capp Street for several years.  
A: Where do you live now? Give me your new address.  
B: I live on Folsom Street. I live at 1324 Folsom Street.  
A: I don't have a pen. Can I borrow yours?  
B: Write down my phone number too. It's 824-7658.

4.  
A: Tell me, Tony. Are you still a house painter?  
B: No, I haven't been a house painter for a long time.  
A: What do you do now?  
B: I've been working as an electrician for seven years.  
A: That's good news. I was a waiter, but now I'm a chef.  
B: That's great. How long have you been a chef?

5.  
A: I've been a chef since they built the new restaurant.  
B: Do you still sing in the church choir?  
A: No. I haven't sung in the church choir for a long time.  
B: You used to have a fine singing voice.  
A: Thank you. I still sing, but now I sing popular songs.  
B: I used to go fishing on Saturdays, but I don't anymore

6.  
A: Excuse me. Are you Judy Smith by any chance?  
B: Sally Walters. I can't believe I ran into you. How are you?  
A: Fine, Judy. My goodness, I haven't seen you in years.  
B: I know, Sally. It's been a very long time. How have you been?  
A: I've been great. How about you? Everything okay?  
B: Say, I haven't had lunch yet. How about you?

7.  
A: What have you been doing since I last saw you?  
B: I've been working very hard.  
A: What kind of job do you have?  
B: I'm a full time mother. I've been raising three kids.  
A: Three kids? Wow, you really have been busy.  
B: They're a lot of work and a lot of fun.

8.  
A: Do you still play the violin?  
B: I sometimes play the violin, but I'm very busy.  
A: I know. Me too. I sometimes play the piano, but after work, I'm usually too tired.  
B: Where do you work?  
A: I'm a dental assistant. I work at Children's Hospital.  
B: How long have you been a dental assistant?

9.  
A: I've been a dental assistant for six years.  
B: What did you do before that? I forget.  
A: I worked in a clothing store and studied at night.  
B: How is your husband, Joe? Is he still a mechanic?  
A: Yes, he is. He has been fixing cars for years.  
B: I haven't seen him for a long time. Say "hi" for me.

10.  
A: Well, that was a nice lunch. I have to pick up my kids.  
B: What school do they attend?  
A: They attend Edison Elementary School. They really enjoy it.  
B: My son has been in high school for two years.  
A: Oh, he's been a student for a long time.  
B: Yes. And next year he plans to go to San Francisco State University.

Dialogue Workout # 54

1.  
A: I'm glad you suggested going out to dinner.  
B: You are? Then, why are you acting so nervous?  
A: To tell the truth, I always avoid going to fancy restaurants.  
B: Why?  
A: I never know what to order.  
B: Don't be nervous. I'll help you out if you get stuck.
2.  
A: The waiter might speak too fast, and I won't understand.  
B: I'm sure you'll do okay. Just take your time.  
A: I've never been to anyplace like this before.  
B: Don't be afraid to ask questions.  
A: But what if I can't understand one word?  
B: It's okay to ask the waiter to repeat and talk slowly.
3.  
A: Good evening. Do you have reservations?  
B: No, we don't. We decided to go out at the last minute.  
A: That's all right. We aren't very busy now. Just the two of you?  
B: Yes, just the two of us. I'm glad we don't have to wait.  
A: Smoking or non smoking?  
B: Non smoking, please. I hate to sit next to smokers while I'm eating.
4.  
A: My name is Mary. I'll be your waitress for this evening. Can I get you anything from the bar first?  
B: Yes, I'd like a coke, and my friend will have the same.  
A: Let me tell you about tonight's specials. Our fish is red snapper. It's cooked in a butter and garlic sauce.  
B: Thank you for explaining, but I think we'll order from the menu.  
A: All right, here's your menu. I'll be back in a few minutes to take your order.
5.  
A: I'm not used to eating at fancy restaurants.  
B: There certainly are a lot of things to choose from.  
A: I can't make up my mind. I'll let you decide.  
B: It's a lot easier to order at MacDonaldis.  
A: I think I want the red snapper. But what is "a la carte?"  
B: It means you only get the fish. The whole dinner comes with soup or salad.

6.  
A: I don't want to rush you, but have you decided yet?  
B: Yes, we have. I would like the red snapper.  
A: Would you care for soup or salad with that?  
B: I'll have salad.  
A: You have a choice of tossed green salad or spinach salad.  
B: I'll have a spinach salad with oil and vinegar dressing.
7.  
A: I just love this calamari. It's delicious. How's yours?  
B: This red snapper is terrific. I'm going to recommend this restaurant to friends.  
A: It was a lot easier than I thought it would be to order dinner.  
B: You really did well, too. It gets easier every time.  
A: However, I'm really full right now, and I didn't finish.  
B: We'll have to get a "doggy bag" for the left overs.
8.  
A: A "doggy bag?" I'm not going to feed my dog this fancy stuff.  
B: No, that's just a name for it. They put your left overs in a box to take home.  
A: Then, I can continue eating this fish for lunch.  
B: That's right. There's no point letting this good food go to waste.  
A: But I doubt that I have enough room for dessert.  
B: I can't eat dessert either. Maybe just a cup of coffee.
9.  
A: I like this restaurant. I've been here several times before.  
B: So have I. The food has always been pretty good.  
A: I wonder what is keeping our waiter. We've been waiting a long time.  
B: Maybe you should politely remind the waiter that we are here.  
A: Here comes the waiter now. What did we decide to order?  
B: Oh, gee. I forget.
10.  
A: Waiter, I'm sorry. I can't possibly eat this.  
B: You can't? Why not?  
A: I don't know. Something is wrong with it. It's too salty.  
B: Oh, I'm so sorry. I'll get a replacement order.  
A: That's all right. I've decided I'm not really hungry.  
B: Well, I'm really sorry. Have a good evening

Dialogue Workout # 55

1.  
A: Last week, I went to Sacramento on business.  
B: I figured you were out of town. I tried to call you a few times. I left a message on your machine.  
A: I talked to a man named Charles Cooper. I had an appointment with him.  
B: What did you discuss with him?  
A: I was interested in possibly buying his grocery store.  
B: That's interesting. Why does he want to sell it?

2.  
A: Mr. Cooper made me a pretty good offer, but I turned it down.  
B: What was your reason for turning it down? Doesn't he have a good business?  
A: The price was too high. The location wasn't the best.  
B: What bothered you about the location?  
A: His store is ten blocks from the State Capitol Building.  
B: That doesn't sound like a bad location at all.

3.  
A: No. It's a good location for Sacramento. The trouble is, it's Sacramento. I'd rather open a business here.  
B: But you have to admit, it's a lot more expensive in San Francisco.  
A: I prefer the weather here to the weather in Sacramento.  
B: Oh, so you prefer cool weather to hot weather.  
A: You got it. Sacramento is a lot hotter than San Francisco.

4.  
A: Why does Charles Cooper want to sell his store? I'm curious.  
B: He's tired of that business. He says it's time for a change.  
A: I can understand that. What's he interested in?  
B: He'd like to go back to school and study computer science.  
A: There certainly is a future in computers. Maybe you should consider learning computers also.  
B: But, actually, I prefer to deal with people.

5.  
A: I'm thinking of going on another business trip.  
B: Really? Where are you going this time?  
A: Back to Sacramento. Mr. Cooper just lowered his price.  
B: So, now you're very excited about buying it.  
A: Well, it's much more affordable than it was.  
B: It must be expensive to keep making these trips.

6.  
A: Not really. I take Amtrak. It's only \$25.00 round trip.  
B: That's not bad. But I thought you got Amtrak in Oakland.  
A: You can take an Amtrak bus from the Ferry Building.  
B: How much does the Amtrak bus cost?  
A: It's free if you purchase a train ticket. The bus takes you to Emeryville where you catch the train.  
B: How long does it take to get to Sacramento by train?

7.  
A: It only takes two hours and the view is terrific.  
B: I would like to take the train to Sacramento sometime.  
A: It's easy to find your way around Sacramento.  
B: It is? Is it easier than San Francisco?  
A: It's much easier. All the streets are either numbers or letters.  
B: I always get lost in San Francisco. It's frustrating.

8.  
A: When I move to Sacramento, you can visit me.  
B: Thanks for the invitation. But is there anything to do there?  
A: Certainly there is. Sacramento doesn't have a lot of culture, but it has the Golden State Museum.  
B: I'd like to visit the State Capitol. That would be interesting.  
A: There are a number of fairly good restaurants.  
B: I'm looking forward to going there by train.

9.  
A: Will you have to take out a loan to buy that store?  
B: No, I have two wealthy uncles. I am borrowing from them.  
A: Uncles? That's fortunate. Are they charging you interest?  
B: No, it's an interest free loan because they are family.  
A: Your uncles must have a lot of confidence in you.  
B: Yes. They think this business is a good investment.

10.  
A: What about you? Are you thinking of opening a business?  
B: Years ago, I thought about opening a restaurant.  
A: You did? What happened to that idea?  
B: I don't know. I guess I got cold feet. I felt it was too risky.  
A: Maybe. It depends on the location and the quality.  
B: I like my job now. It's not very exciting, but it's secure.