

Patient-Physician Talk-Listen Mini Conversations

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Put these together to make short two-line conversations. Use vocal variations to practice these mini conversations. You can mix them up and make 25 different ones. Each should only take about 10 seconds to do. You can add gestures and be dramatic. When you are the PHYSICIAN, you should not be looking at the paper at all in the beginning, you should LISTEN to the patient first. When you are the PATIENT, after you tell the doctor your symptoms, you should listen carefully without looking at the paper. When you are speaking from the paper, speak slowly and try to get a few words and then look into the eyes of your partner(s).

PATIENT

1. I can't stop coughing
2. I've been nauseous since yesterday.
3. I've had a headache for two days.
4. My throat is killing me.
5. I've been having trouble sleeping for a month.

PHYSICIAN

- A) I'd like to prescribe something that may help.
- B) I'd like to order a few tests.
- C) I'd like to refer you to a specialist.
- D) I'd like to do a thorough examination.
- E) I'd like you to give the nurse a thorough medical history.