

Language for ...

visiting the doctor

3 Language in use

a Read the sentences. Look at the words in bold and match them with their meanings a-h.

- 1 Describe your **symptoms** carefully.
- 2 Tell the doctor if you have any **allergies**.
- 3 The doctor may take your **temperature**.
- 4 The doctor will use your symptoms to make a **diagnosis**.
- 5 He or she will then write out a **prescription**.
- 6 You should take your prescription to a **pharmacy**.
- 7 Make sure you take the correct **dose** each day.
- 8 If your symptoms persist, make an **appointment** to see your doctor again.

- a the measurement of how hot your body is
- b a shop where medicines are prepared and sold
- c a piece of paper that a doctor gives you that says what type of medicine you need
- d an arrangement to see someone at a particular time
- e an amount of a drug that has been measured so that you can take it
- f signs that someone has an illness
- g a statement about what disease someone has, based on examining them
- h medical conditions in which you become sick or your skin becomes red as a reaction to something you eat, breathe or touch

b Complete the information on this health advice leaflet using the words in the box

temperature prescription symptoms virus appointment headache water sore

HELP TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF FLU THIS WINTER

- 1 Do you have any of these (1) _____ ?
- 2 A (2) _____ throat, a high (3) _____ and a (4) _____ ?
- 3 If you think you have flu, you don't need to make an (5) _____ to see your doctor.
- 4 Stay at home, keep warm and drink a lot of (6) _____.
- 5 Don't go to work or school.
- 6 Don't ask your doctor for a (7) _____ for antibiotics. Flu is a (8) _____ and antibiotics won't work.

c Match the verbs in the left-hand column with the nouns or noun phrases in the right-hand column.

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| 1 make | a a prescription |
| 2 fill in | b the correct dose |
| 3 describe | c a registration form |
| 4 write out | d a temperature |
| 5 take | e an appointment |
| 6 have | f symptoms |