

> A. Ask your partner the following questions.

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| 1. Have you ever been to hospital?      | 5. How do you feel at the sight of blood?          |
| 2. Have you ever been in an ambulance?  | 6. What's your blood group?                        |
| 3. Have you ever broken any bones? How? | 7. How do you feel about having injections?        |
| 4. Have you ever burnt yourself? How?   | 8. Are you allergic to any drugs, e.g. penicillin? |

> B. Fill the gaps below with the following words.

sprain first aid kit crutches plaster sling (plaster) cast bruise  
faint stitches scar blood donor

- A ..... is a mark on your skin, often a white line, where the skin healed after a deep cut.
- A ..... is a box which contains medical equipment which is useful in an emergency.
- If you break a bone in your leg the doctor sets the leg in a .....which stays on for about six weeks.
- If you cut yourself you put a .....on the cut to protect it.
- A ..... is someone who donates some of their own blood to help people who have lost too much blood.
- If you have a deep cut a doctor needs to close it with .....
- If you hurt your arm or shoulder you may need to rest your arm in a .....
- You ..... when you lose consciousness because your brain isn't getting enough oxygen.
- A ..... is a mark on your skin which appears after bumping against something hard. The skin changes colour from blue or purple to red and yellow over a few days.
- You ..... your wrist or ankle when you twist it too far.
- You use a pair of ..... to help you walk if you have hurt one of your legs or feet.

> C. Ask your partner the following questions.

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| 1. Have you ever sprained your wrist? How? Did you wear a sling?                             | 7. Do you have any scars? How did you get them?  |
| 2. Do you have a first-aid kit at home, or in the car? Have you ever given anyone first aid? | 8. Have you ever had a cut which needed stitches? How many stitches did you have?        |
| 3. Can you name four things usually found in a first aid kit?                                | 9. Have you ever needed crutches? Why? How long did you need them for?                   |
| 4. Would you like to be a trained first aider?   | 10. Have you ever worn a plaster cast? Why? What happened? Did your friends write on it? |
| 5. Are you a blood donor? Would you like to give blood? Why (not)?                           | 11. Do you bruise easily? How long does it take for your bruises to heal, usually?       |
| 6. Have you ever fainted, or felt faint? Why? What happened?                                 | 12. When you need to take a plaster off, do you pull it slowly, or rip it off quickly?   |

> D. Discuss the difference between the words in each group below.

pain hurt injure ache

treat cure heal

> E. Choose the correct word in the sentences below.

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| 1. What would you do if you had a sudden <u>pain/ache</u> in your abdomen?  | 9. When you have a cold or flu, what medication do you take to <u>treat/cure</u> it?   |
| 2. On a scale of 1 to 10, how much does it <u>hurt/ache</u> when you are being given an injection in your arm?  | 10. In your opinion, how likely is it that scientists will find a <u>treatment/cure</u> for the common cold?                   |
| 3. If you stay on your feet all day (in comfortable shoes), do your feet <u>hurt/ache</u> in the evening?   | 11. To what extent do you agree that sometimes the <u>treatment/cure</u> is worse than the disease?                            |
| 4. Have you ever stepped on something sharp and <u>hurt/injured</u> your foot? When? Where?   | 12. If you have a small cut on your hand, do you go to the doctor or wait for it to <u>heal/cure</u> by itself?                |
| 5. Have you ever worn shoes which were too tight and <u>hurt/injured</u> your feet?   | 13. Do you believe that alternative therapies, such as acupuncture, can <u>heal/cure</u> addiction to alcohol, nicotine, etc.? |
| 6. Have you ever <u>hurt/injured</u> someone emotionally?   | 14. Do you believe that some people have <u>healing/curing</u> hands?  |
| 7. What would you do to help people who had been <u>hurt/injured</u> in an accident?  |  |
| 8. Do you think paramedics should deal with the <u>hurt/injured</u> at the scene of the incident or just stabilise the patient and take them to hospital? |  |

> F. Ask your partner the questions in > E.