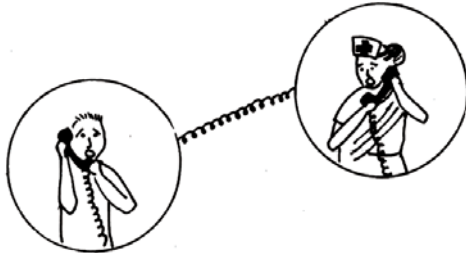


LESSON 24

Health related conversations

(i) Taking an appointment with a doctor



- Receptionist : Good morning, Dr. Gupta's clinic.
Mr. Rao : I'd like to take an appointment with Dr. Gupta please.
Receptionist : Kindly hold on. I'll just check.
Will tomorrow afternoon suit you?
Mr. Rao : No, I'm in a lot of pain and I really must see him today.
Receptionist : Just a moment please.
I think you can come in at 1:30 this afternoon. Will that be alright?
Mr. Rao : Yes, that will be fine.
Receptionist : May I know your name, please?
Mr. Rao : Raghu Rao.
Receptionist : Please be here at 1.30 Mr. Rao.
Mr. Rao : I will. Thank you very much.

Word

1. appointment

Meaning

arrangement for meeting

(ii) A friend's advice



Amit : What are you doing about your swollen cheek Ratan?

Ratan : I haven't yet been to a doctor, but it's getting more painful each day. It could be an infected tooth or an abscess.
 Amit : Don't take it lightly. You must see a dentist today.

(A day later)

Amit : Did you go to the dentist, Ratan?
 Ratan : Yes, he said it was an infected tooth and he has prescribed a course of antibiotics to be followed by an extraction.
 Amit : Oh no! Poor you.

Word

Meaning

- | | |
|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. abscess | boil, infected pus filled swelling |
| 2. antibiotics | medicine that can remove infection |
| 3. extraction | remove, take out |


(iii) An accident



Ramesh : Ratan, your leg is in plaster! What happened?
 Ratan : I was hit by a speeding three-wheeler.
 Ramesh : Oh no! Were you on your bicycle?
 Ratan : No, I was walking to college.
 Ramesh : So, how did this happen?
 Ratan : It was entirely my fault. I was holding the cellphone to my ear with one hand and I was carrying books in the other.
 Ramesh : And if I may complete the story, you were not paying attention and did not use the zebra crossing either.
 Ratan : That's right. I was very careless.
 Ramesh : This is a small price you have paid. Don't use your cell phone on the road again.

Word/Phrase

Meaning

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. speeding | moving very fast |
| 2. entirely | totally |
| 3. zebra crossing |  |
| 4. a small price | small punishment |

(iv) A fracture

- Amit : Ratan, how did you manage to fracture your leg?
Ratan : I fell off a tree.
Amit : Is it a hairline fracture or a compound fracture?
Ratan : Unfortunately it's a compound fracture.
Amit : So your leg will be in plaster for many weeks?
Ratan : Yes, Amit. No school and no football for six weeks.
Amit : Don't worry too much. It will pass.

Word

1. fracture
2. hairline fracture
3. compound fracture
4. unfortunately
5. plaster

Meaning

- a break in the bone
a crack in the bone
more than one broken bone
unluckily
a cast made of plaster of Paris

(v) An ear ache



- Mother : Ravi, why are you crying?
Ravi : I have this awful pain in my right ear. It started in the middle of the night.
Mother : Why didn't you wake me up?
Ravi : I didn't want to disturb you.
Mother : I think your throat infection has travelled to the ear, or maybe it's your tonsillitis that has come up again.
Ravi : I think so. My throat is very sore.
Mother : I'll take you to the ENT specialist. In the mean time take this pain killer.
Ravi : I'll do that.
Mother : Don't take it on an empty stomach, I'll get you some tea and biscuits.

Word/Phrase

1. awful
2. tonsillitis
3. ENT
4. in the mean time

Meaning

- terrible
an infection in the throat area
Ear, Nose, Throat
the period of time between two events, till then

(vi) A stomach ache



- Ravi : Ram, what's the matter? You don't look well.
Ram : I have a severe stomach ache.
Ravi : For how long have you been having this pain?
Ram : For the past three days.
Ravi : You mean it's persistent?
Ram : Yes.
Ravi : Don't neglect it. You may have appendicitis or a stone in the kidney.
Ram : Don't frighten me!
Ravi : Go and consult a doctor. I hope it's nothing serious.
Ram : I hope not. I'll go for a check up.
Ravi : If you need any help just give me a call.

Word

1. severe
2. ache
3. persistent
4. appendicitis

Meaning

- very bad, intense
pain
continuing, carrying on
inflammation of the appendix

(vii) A back ache

(On the telephone)

- Ravi : Mahesh, where were you on Saturday? We missed you at Ram's party.
Mahesh : Oh! I've had a terrible back ache for the past week.
Ravi : That's too bad. What are you doing about it?
Mahesh : The doctor has advised me complete bed rest.
Ravi : How are you feeling now?
Mahesh : Much better. I still have to be very careful. The doctor feels that it could be a slipped disc. If the pain doesn't subside, I'll have to get it X-rayed.
Ravi : I know back aches can be very troublesome: no bending, no lifting weights and no jerky movements.
Mahesh : Yes, you're right.
Ravi : I'll drop in to see you. Take care and get well soon.

Word

1. subside
2. weight
3. jerky

Meaning

- settle down, lessen
load
sudden movements