**Visiting the Doctor's**

**Grace has an appointment with Dr. Wilson. After discussing her symptoms and giving her a check-up, he says she has the flu.**

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| Doctor | Hi, I'm Dr. Wilson. **What seems to be the trouble**? |
| Grace | I've been **under the weather** for days. |
| Doctor | The flu is **going around**. Did you get the vaccine? |
| Grace | No, this year I didn't **get around to it**. |
| Doctor | What are your symptoms? |
| Grace | I've had a **splitting headache** since yesterday morning. My whole body hurts. |
| Doctor | You have all the **telltale signs** of the flu. Let me take your temperature … 101. That's **on the high side**. |
| Grace | My throat hurts, too. |
| Doctor | Let me **take a peek**. Yes, your throat is very red. It looks like a **garden variety** flu. |
| Grace | Are you going to prescribe some medicine for it? |
| Doctor | You can take Tylenol for your headache. Also, be sure to get plenty of rest and drink lots of water. |
| Grace | How long do you think this is going to **drag on**? |
| Doctor | You should be **back on your feet** in a week **or so**. |
| Grace | I have to get better quickly! I'm needed at the office. |
| Doctor | Well, there's **no magic bullet**. You're going to have to let this **run its course**. |

**Idioms & Expressions**

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| **Back on one's feet** | Healthy again; returned to good health.  I was sick for two weeks, but now I'm **back on my feet**. |
| **Drag on** | To last too long; to last longer than one wants.  I've had a cold for three weeks. It just keeps **dragging on**! |
| **Garden variety** | Ordinary; common; not unusual.  The necklace that Jim bought his girlfriend is not a **garden variety** piece of jewelry. It cost $100,000. |
| **Get around to it** | To have a chance to do something; to have time to do something.  I know I need to have my cholesterol checked, but I just haven't **gotten around to it**. |
| **Going around** | Spreading; going from one person to another.  Your stomach hurts? You must have caught the bug that's **going around**. |
| **Magic bullet** | A drug or therapy that cures or prevents an illness, without harmful side effects; a simple solution to a problem (usually one that is too simplistic and doesn't work).  Bedbugs are very hard to get rid of. Unfortunately, there's no **magic bullet**. |
| **On the high side** | Rather high.  Emma stayed home from school yesterday because her temperature was **on the high side**. |
| **Or so** | Approximately (referring to a time period or quantity of something).  There were 200 **or so** people at the conference. |
| **Run its course** | To allow time for an illness to pass through one's body.  There's no cure for the cold. Just let it **run its course**. |
| **Splitting headache** | A very bad headache.  Julia left work early, saying she had a **splitting headache**. |
| **Take a peek** | To have a quick look.  Your car isn't running well? Let me **take a peek** under the hood and see if I can figure out what's wrong. |
| **Telltale signs** | Sure signs of a problem; typical symptoms that indicate something.  Liz feels nauseous all the time and says she's gaining weight. Those are **telltale signs** that she's pregnant! |
| **Under the weather** | Feeling sick.  If you're **under the weather**, don't go to work. |
| **What seems to be the trouble?** | What's wrong?  "**What seems to be the trouble**?" asked the auto mechanic when we brought our car in the shop. |