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**Medical mix-up**

4 common complaints, their symptoms and suggested treatments have got mixed up. Can you sort them out?

| Common complaints                 | Symptoms  | Treatment  |
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| 1 a sprained ankle                | a nausea / sickness, vomiting, diarrhoea, temperature   | i rest, lots of fluid, medication for pain, fever, antibiotic                              |
| 2 a sore throat                   | b bruise, swelling at bottom of leg and on foot, pain when walking – difficult to put foot down | ii quarantine, rest, light food, ointment or lotion for spots                              |
| 3 flu                             | c runny nose, sore throat, rash / itchy spots, temperature                                      | iii elastic bandage, ointment, X-ray / ultra-sound in case any bones broken / muscles torn |
| 4 infectious disease: chicken pox | d runny nose, headache, aching joints, high temperature   | iv gargle, suck throat lozenges / drops, wrap scarf around neck                            |

Example:

Complaint 1 goes with Symptoms b and Treatment iii.

**Now answer the questions**

- 1 Have you ever suffered from any of the common complaints? If yes, which and when?
- 2 Have you ever been in hospital for a more than a week?
- 3 Have you been absent from school because of sickness in the past 4 weeks?
- 4 Do you take any medicine regularly?
- 5 How often do you go to the doctor (including the school doctor)?
- 6 Do you think it is OK to ask people questions about their health in class?