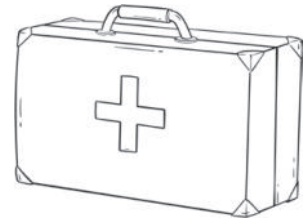




General information

1. Form groups of two students and decide who is who:
 - the suffering patient **Simon**
 - the smart **Dr. Brown**
2. Read your role cards. Ask your group members or your teacher if you have trouble understanding your role description.
3. Act out the sketch.



Your role: Simon

Read the card and act out your role.

Who is in the sketch? Dr. Brown and his patient Simon

Where is it? At a doctor's office¹

What happens?

- You go to your doctor because you hate your job and want some time off.
- You enter your doctor's office and tell him that you feel terrible. Back pain is only one of your problems. You tell him that you can't work like this.
- When he asks you about your job, you tell him that you work in a bank and that it is the most boring job in the world.
- When your doctor touches your back and asks if that hurts, you scream as loud as you can to show him how terrible your pain is.
- You ask him how long you will be signed off work².
- You get really scared when your doctor tells you that you're seriously ill and that you need a will³. You tell him that you start to feel better, but he insists on⁴ your deadly disease.
- When he looks up your disease in his book and tells you what you have, you are very happy that you won't die of this illness.
- You thank Dr. Brown for this great news and leave his office.



¹ doctor's office (AE) = Arztpraxis

² to sign sb. off work = jdn. krankschreiben

³ will = Testament

⁴ to insist on sth. = auf etwas beharren, bei etwas bleiben

Tasks: At the doctor's

1. A phone call

Simon leaves the doctor's office and goes to work. On his way to work he phones his girlfriend. Write down the dialogue between Simon and his girlfriend. Write about eight sentences.

You can start like this:

Anne: Hello?

Simon: Hey honey, it's me. I'm on my way to work.

Anne: Hey Simon. What did Dr. Brown say?

Simon: ...



2. Giving advice

Simon doesn't like his workplace at all: What advice would you give him regarding his job? You can use the words from the box.

You can start like this:

Hi Simon, you don't seem to like your job ...

unhappy = unzufrieden

to quit = kündigen

to take a sabbatical =
ein Sabbatjahr nehmen

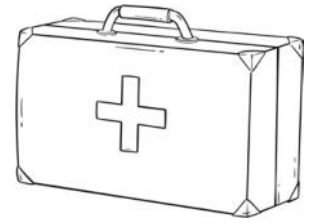
to change to another department =
die Abteilung wechseln

to pull oneself together =
sich zusammenreißen

Tasks: At the doctor's

3. Dr. Brown's type of treatment¹

Dr. Brown's reaction to Simon's "illness" is quite surprising. What do you think about it? Is it appropriate²?



4. What if ...?

Imagine Dr. Brown believed Simon when he complains of³ back pain. How would the sketch end in this scenario? Write it down.

You can start like this:

Simon: My back hurts so bad. I feel horrible.

Dr. Brown: Is that true? Poor you. Let me take a look.

Simon: It is. I can hardly move.

Dr. Brown: ...

5. What about you?

Have you ever faked an illness to get out of something? When and why did you do it? If you haven't: What do you do when you don't feel like doing something or going somewhere?

¹ treatment = Behandlung

² appropriate = angemessen

³ complain = klagen, = über etwas klagen