

Ich kann heute nicht kommen

Monday of festival week. Your head hurts, your throat hurts, you are hot and cold at once. You call Thomas. He has a list for this: "1. Tea. 2. Bed. 3. No cats in the bed. 4. Call the doctor."

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAYS IT: 1a, 2b

L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN: 1b, 2a

L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT: 1c, 2b

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER: Keine Katzen? Wieso denn?, Herr Kühn sagt: keine Katzen im Bett.

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST: 1: 45213

Words: Ich kann heute nicht kommen

VOCABULARY & WRITING

W1) WHAT DOES IT MEAN?: 1b, 2a, 3c, 4b, 5c, 6b

W2) USE THE WORDS IN CONTEXT: 1: krank, 1: Kopfschmerzen, 1: Hals, 1: Fieber, 1: Bett

W3) THE SOUP ISN'T FOR YOU!: 1: geht, 2: Hals, 3: Suppe, 4: dich

W4) CONNECT THE MEANINGS: 1d, 2a, 3e, 4b, 5f, 6c

Grammar: Mir tut der Hals weh

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL FORMS: 1) habe, Kopfschmerzen, 2) Mir, tut, weh, 3) tun, weh

G2) DESCRIBE THE SYMPTOM: 1c, 2b, 3c, 4a, 5a, 6a

G3) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION: 1: Mir, 2: tut, 3: weh, 1: tun, 1: habe, 1: Ihr, 1: Ihnen

G4) PUT THE MESSAGE TOGETHER: Mir tut der Hals weh., Ich bin krank und kann heute nicht kommen., Ich rufe morgen wieder an.

G5) RESPOND TO THE SITUATION: 1c, 2b

Translation

- My head. And my throat. Everything hurts.
- First I feel hot, then cold. I do not feel well at all.
- Where is my phone? I have to call the office.

A quarter to nine. Thomas stands in the office, the phone at his ear, looking at the clock.

■ Good morning, Mr Kühn. This is Lena Becker.

○ Quarter to nine. Where are you?

■ I am ill. I cannot come today.

○ Oh. How are you feeling?

■ Not well. I have a headache and a sore throat. Perhaps a fever too.

○ Stay at home. I will make you a list.

○ First: tea. Second: bed. Third: no cats in bed.

■ No cats? Why?

○ Cat hair! Nobody wants that in their throat.

○ Fourth: call the doctor's practice.

■ Thank you. And what about work?

○ No work today, no emails. I will do it.

○ Call me tomorrow. At nine. At exactly nine.

■ All right. Exactly nine. Thank you, Mr Kühn.

You look down. Mikesch is lying across your feet.

- Mikesch? What are you doing in my bed?
- Mr Kühn says: no cats in bed.
- But you are so nice and warm.
- All right. Stay. But just today!

You look at your feet: Mikesch is lying on them. He can stay, but only today. You close your eyes, and you feel a little better.