

SCENE 36 • NUMBER 7

I cannot come today

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

128 Words · 5 Exercises · Duration: 15 min.

A bad day

English

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LEARNING GOAL

I can call in sick, say how I feel and understand simple advice.

Lena (Lukas) = ■ Tom = O

Learning as Lukas? Use the words in brackets.

- My head and throat hurt. Everything hurts. I feel hot, then cold. I feel unwell.
- Where is the phone? I have to call the office.

You call Tom.

- Good morning, Tom. Lena (Lukas) Becker here.
- Quarter to nine. Where are you?
- I'm ill. I cannot come today.
- How are you feeling?
- Not very well. My head and throat hurt. Perhaps I have a fever.
- Stay at home. I'll make a list. First: tea. Second: bed. Third: no cats in bed.
- Why no cats?
- Cat hairs! Fourth: call the surgery. Do not work today. I'll do everything.
- Thank you. What about messages?
- Those too. Call tomorrow. Exactly at nine.

You look at your feet. Milo is lying on them, warm and heavy.

- Milo? What are you doing in my bed? Tom says: no cats!
- But you are so nice and warm. All right. Stay. Just today!

Vocabulary

DOING THINGS

hurt	hurt
feel	feel
stay	stay
call	call (on the phone)

THE BODY

head	head
throat	throat

SMALL WORDS

first	first (first ..., then ...)
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HOW I FEEL

ill	ill
illness	a noun meaning an unhealthy condition or being ill

JOBS

doctor	doctor
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LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING**L1) WHO SAYS IT**

Read the dialogue again. Who says these words? Tick the right person.

1 Quarter to nine. Where are you?

- ☐ A Tom
- ☐ B Lena

L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN

Tick the right English meaning.

1 I'm ill. I cannot come today.

- ☐ A I'm ill. I cannot come today.
- ☐ B Those too. Call tomorrow. Exactly at nine.
- ☐ C Why no cats?

L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT

Tick the right English sentence.

1 Why no cats?

- ☐ (A) How are you feeling?
- ☐ (B) Why no cats?
- ☐ (C) But you are so nice and warm. All right. Stay. Just today!

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER

Write the words in the right order on the line.

- 1**
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L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST

Number the lines in the order they come in the scene.

- ☐ Where is the phone? I have to call the office.
- ☐ How are you feeling?
- ☐ Quarter to nine. Where are you?
- ☐ Why no cats?
- ☐ Those too. Call tomorrow. Exactly at nine.

SCENE 36 • WORDS

I cannot come today

I cannot come today

4 Exercises • Duration: 10 min.

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hurt
hurt



head
head



throat
throat



feel
feel



ill
ill



stay
stay



call
call (on the
phone)



doctor
doctor



leg
leg

Words

FROM THE SCENE

hurt

hurt

Not very well. My head and throat hurt.
Perhaps I have a fever.

head

head

Not very well. My head and throat hurt.
Perhaps I have a fever.

throat

throat

Not very well. My head and throat hurt.
Perhaps I have a fever.

feel

feel

How are you feeling?

ill

ill

I'm ill. I cannot come today.

stay

stay

But you are so nice and warm. All right.
Stay. Just today!

first

first (first ..., then ...)

Stay at home. I'll make a list. First: tea.
Second: bed. Third: no cats in bed.

call

call (on the phone)

Those too. Call tomorrow. Exactly at nine.

doctor

doctor

NEW WORDS

leg

leg

This is a leg.

VOCABULARY & COMMUNICATION**W1) WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

What does it mean?

1 call

- ☐ A walk
- ☐ B call (on the phone)
- ☐ C roll (bread roll)

2 stay

- ☐ A just / simply
- ☐ B stay
- ☐ C very

3 feel

- ☐ A small
- ☐ B half
- ☐ C feel

4 ill

- ☐ A trumpet
- ☐ B ill
- ☐ C four

5 hurt

- ☐ A gram
- ☐ B people
- ☐ C hurt

6 doctor

- ☐ A pay
- ☐ B grey
- ☐ C doctor

W2) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Quarter ill Good Where

_____ is the phone? I have to call the office.

Meaning: Where is the phone? I have to call the office.

Good Quarter Where ill

_____ morning, Tom. Lena Becker here.

Meaning: Good morning, Tom. Lena Becker here.

Good ill Where Quarter

_____ to nine. Where are you?

Meaning: Quarter to nine. Where are you?

Where ill Good Quarter

I'm _____. I cannot come today.

Meaning: I'm ill. I cannot come today.

Where Good Quarter How

_____ are you feeling?

Meaning: How are you feeling?

W3) HELLO! HOW ARE YOU FEELING?

Fill the speech bubbles.



How Not some Milo

May: Hello! _____ are you feeling?

Lena: _____ good. My head and throat hurt.

May: Here's _____ soup. It's nice for a sore throat.

Lena: _____! The soup isn't for you!

Meaning: 1. Hello! How are you feeling?

2. Not good. My head and throat hurt.

3. Here's some soup. It's nice for a sore throat.

4. Milo! The soup isn't for you!

W4) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

Quarter Good ill Where

_____ is the phone? I have to call the office.

Meaning: Where is the phone? I have to call the office.

Quarter Good Where ill

_____ morning, Tom. Lena Becker here.

Meaning: Good morning, Tom. Lena Becker here.

ill Quarter Good Where

_____ to nine. Where are you?

Meaning: Quarter to nine. Where are you?

ill Quarter Good Where

I'm _____. I cannot come today.

Meaning: I'm ill. I cannot come today.

Good Where How Quarter

_____ are you feeling?

Meaning: How are you feeling?

SCENE 36 • GRAMMAR

my head hurts, I feel ill

Body pain and feeling unwell

6 Exercises • Duration: 20 min.

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Body pain and feeling unwell

The body part is the subject in **My head hurts**. Use **hurts** for one part and **hurt** for a plural: **My legs hurt**. Another everyday phrase is **I've got a sore throat**.

With **feel** use an adjective: **I feel ill, I feel hot, I feel cold**. The continuous **I'm feeling better** is also natural for a changing condition. **Sore** describes pain in a body part.

For a duration use **for: for two days**. Use **since** for a starting point: **since Saturday**. In this early health scene they can occur as short answers to **How long?**; a full continuing-tense pattern is practised later.

Form	Example	Meaning
hurts	My head hurts.	Describe pain in one body part.
hurt	My legs hurt.	Describe pain in more than one body part.
ill	I feel ill.	Describe how you feel with an adjective.
a	I've got a sore throat.	Use the usual phrase for this symptom.
For	How long? For two days.	Give an elapsed duration.

Form	Example	Meaning
Saturday	Since Saturday.	Give a starting point rather than a duration.

My head hurts.

Describe pain in one body part.

My legs hurt.

Describe pain in more than one body part.

I feel ill.

Describe how you feel with an adjective.

I've got a sore throat.

Use the usual phrase for this symptom.

How long? For two days.

Give an elapsed duration.

Since Saturday.

Give a starting point rather than a duration.

GRAMMAR**G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS**

Underline the form described in this unit.

1 My head hurts.

Meaning: Describe pain in one body part.

2 My legs hurt.

Meaning: Describe pain in more than one body part.

3 I feel ill.

Meaning: Describe how you feel with an adjective.

4 I've got a sore throat.

Meaning: Use the usual phrase for this symptom.

5 How long? For two days.

Meaning: Give an elapsed duration.

6 Since Saturday.

Meaning: Give a starting point rather than a duration.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 My head _____.

- ☐ A hurt
- ☐ B hurting
- ☐ C hurts

Meaning: Describe pain in one body part.

2 My legs _____.

- ☐ A is hurt
- ☐ B hurt
- ☐ C hurts

Meaning: Describe pain in more than one body part.

3 I feel _____.

- ☐ A illness
- ☐ B illy
- ☐ C ill

Meaning: Describe how you feel with an adjective.

4 I've got _____ sore throat.

- ☐ A a
- ☐ B some
- ☐ C an

Meaning: Use the usual phrase for this symptom.

5 How long? _____ two days.

- ☐ A For
- ☐ B At
- ☐ C Since

Meaning: Give an elapsed duration.

6 Since _____.

- ☐ A Saturday
- ☐ B two days
- ☐ C three hours

Meaning: Give a starting point rather than a duration.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

hurts hurt

My head _____.

Meaning: Describe pain in one body part.

hurt hurts

My legs _____.

Meaning: Describe pain in more than one body part.

ill illness

I feel _____.

Meaning: Describe how you feel with an adjective.

a an

I've got _____ sore throat.

Meaning: Use the usual phrase for this symptom.

For Since

How long? _____ two days.

Meaning: Give an elapsed duration.

Saturday two days

Since _____.

Meaning: Give a starting point rather than a duration.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

1 head My hurts.

Meaning: Describe pain in one body part.

2 My hurt. legs

Meaning: Describe pain in more than one body part.

3 I ill. feel

Meaning: Describe how you feel with an adjective.

4 throat. I've a got sore

Meaning: Use the usual phrase for this symptom.

5 For long? two How days.

Meaning: Give an elapsed duration.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Describe pain in one body part. You say:

- ☐ A My head hurt.
- ☐ B My head hurts.

2 Describe pain in more than one body part. You say:

☐ A My legs hurts.

☐ B My legs hurt.

3 Describe how you feel with an adjective. You say:

☐ A I feel illness.

☐ B I feel ill.

4 Use the usual phrase for this symptom. You say:

☐ A I've got a sore throat.

☐ B I've got an sore throat.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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|---------------------------|---|
| ① How long? For two days. | ① Describe pain in one body part. |
| ② I feel ill. | ② Describe how you feel with an adjective. |
| ③ Since Saturday. | ③ Give a starting point rather than a duration. |
| ④ My legs hurt. | ④ Use the usual phrase for this symptom. |
| ⑤ I've got a sore throat. | ⑤ Give an elapsed duration. |
| ⑥ My head hurts. | ⑥ Describe pain in more than one body part. |