

## 7 At the clinic

### Reading

It was 7 o'clock in the morning. Mike was lying in bed.

'Come on, son. Get up and go to school,' said Mrs Chan.

'Mum, I'm not feeling well,' said Mike.

'What's the matter?'

'I've got a cough and a sore throat,' said Mike.

Mrs Chan took his temperature. 'Oh dear!' she said. 'You've got a fever. Maybe you've caught a cold.'

Mrs Chan took Mike to see the doctor. The nurse told them to sit in the waiting area. Mike found a book there and started reading.

#### Doctor Jokes

##### Joke 1

Patient: Doctor! Doctor! I was drinking a cup of coffee when I got a pain in my eye.  
Doctor: Take the spoon out of the cup before drinking.

##### Joke 2

Patient: Doctor! Doctor! I've broken my arm in two places.  
Doctor: Don't go to those places again!

##### Joke 3

Patient: Doctor! Doctor! It's my foot. It's not right.  
Doctor: Of course it's not right. That's your left foot!

##### Joke 4

Patient: Doctor! Doctor! When I touch my stomach with my finger, it hurts. When I touch my head, it hurts. When I touch my tooth, it hurts. I think I've got a stomachache, a headache and a toothache. Is that serious?  
Doctor: No, you have a broken finger!

The nurse called Mike's name. 'Mike Chan! The doctor can see you now.'

'Hello, Mike,' said the doctor. 'What's the matter? Why are you crying? Are you very ill?'

'I was reading *Doctor Jokes* while I was waiting. It was very funny. I laughed so much that I cried. I feel a bit better now.'

'Well, laughter is the best medicine,' smiled the doctor.



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## Post-reading

Write the answers and tick ( ✓ ).

1 Read *Doctor Jokes*. Find a word that means ‘feels painful’.

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2 Why did Mike feel better in the end?

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3 Which sentence is NOT true?

- A. The doctor in Joke 3 didn’t give the patient any advice.
- B. Mike read *Doctor Jokes* in the waiting area.
- C. The patient in Joke 2 has two broken arms.
- D. The doctor in Joke 1 thought the spoon hurt the patient’s eye.

4 What does ‘serious’ in Joke 4 mean?

serious *adj*

1. very bad, e.g. The driver has serious head injuries.
2. not joking or pretending, e.g. Ann is going to be a singer? Are you serious?
3. worried or unhappy, e.g. You look serious. What’s the matter?
4. important, e.g. We need to discuss this serious matter carefully.

- A. 1       B. 2       C. 3       D. 4

5 The doctor asked, ‘What’s the matter? Why are you crying? Are you very ill?’  
 How does the doctor feel?

- A. ill                                       B. sad
- C. worried                                       D. surprised