

ILLNESSES

At the waiting room of the doctor's office two sick boys are talking. Read the text and answer the questions!

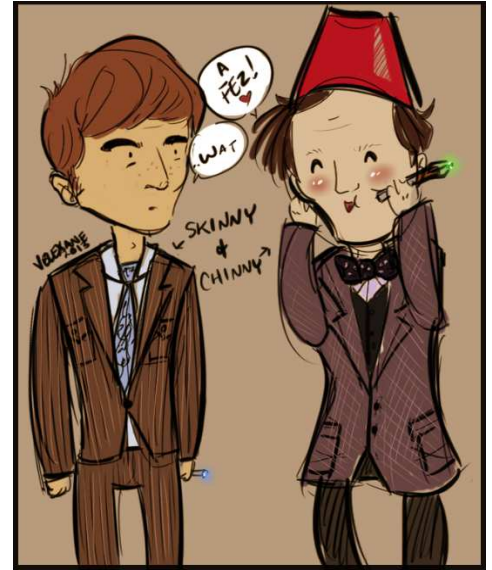
Peter: After my training yesterday I played football with my friends. Then we went to the parlour have some ice cream. At home I played with my little brother. I went to bed late and soon I started to feel unwell. I had a pain in my abdomen and I had terrible diarrhoea. I hardly slept during the night.

Paul: In the morning I was getting dressed when I realised that there were tiny red spots on my abdomen. See, I'll show you. I have more now. I have swollen and painful bumps behind the ears, down the side of the neck and on the nape of the neck. I do not have a pain, though.

Peter: I received two text messages in the morning from my two friends who also have diarrhoea. It is interesting...

Paul: The little sister of one of my friends had rashes two weeks ago. According to the doctor she mustn't meet her sister, who is now pregnant.

Peter: My mum told me to drink a lot of tea, but I do not feel like drinking anything. I feel miserable, I don't have a fever, but I am very tired.



I. On the basis of previous knowledge try to decide which of the statements below match to Peter or Paul respectively. Answer with the number of the statement!

Peter:.....

Paul:.....

1. The illness is called German measles (rubella), which is a contagious disease. You caught it from somebody.
2. Rotten eggs have caused the illness, you must have food poisoning
3. You have to stay at home, you are not allowed to go to school while you have complaints.
4. You should drink a lot of liquid and eat easily digestible food. If you are better by tomorrow, you will be allowed to go to school.
5. You should be very careful when meeting people. If a woman is pregnant, in the developing foetus this pathogen virus can cause serious anomalies.
6. This disease is contagious, spreading from people to people.
7. As the same symptoms were recognised in several children during the night, we have to take samples from the previously consumed food. The pathogen must be grown from the food. The reason of the illness can be found out after that.
8. The incubation period can be as long as two weeks.
9. The illness can develop during up to half a day.
10. Today you should drink at least 2.5 litres of mineral water or tea to avoid dehydration.

II. The following statements refer to rubella (German measles). Decide if they are true or false.

1. Children should be immunised.
2. It is not an infectious disease.
3. It is contagious.
4. Women of childbearing age who have not been vaccinated against German measles should be immunised.
5. It is worse than a common cold.



Solution:

I. Peter: 2, 4, 7, 9, 10; Paul: 1, 3, 5, 6, 8

II.

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