
ANSWER KEY

Unit 15**A**

- 1 Eight different problems mentioned:
 - migraines (both speakers)
 - dizziness (both speakers)
 - backache
 - (stiff) and swollen knees
 - a rash
 - vomiting
 - chest infection
 - heart problem (taking tablets for his heart)
- 2 The first joke is the teenagers causing stress so giving tranquilisers to calm the *teenagers* down.
The second joke is having so many problems and the silly solution to put her completely in plaster and giving a bucket when she's sick.
(How far students find these jokes funny is entirely up to them!)

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- 1 becoming more frequent
- 2 vomiting or dizziness
- 3 a bit badly behaved
- 4 I'd say it's
- 5 Have you considered
- 6 prescribe you some painkillers
- 7 have you been like this
- 8 I've also recently developed
- 9 stop scratching it
- 10 for a chest infection

VIDEO SCRIPT

Conversation 1

Julia Hello. What seems to be the problem?

Alexander I'm getting very bad migraines.

Julia Oh dear. How often do you get them?

Alexander Well, it was once a month or so, but it's becoming more frequent. I've had three this month.

Julia And when did this start?

Alexander Over a year ago, I guess.

Julia You didn't get them before?

Alexander No. Not really, not like this.

Julia I see. It's just the headache? Any vomiting or dizziness?

Alexander Well, I do feel a bit dizzy sometimes, but I'm not sick.

Julia Hmm. And have there been any changes in your life?

Alexander Well, I did start teaching a couple of years ago.

Julia Really? Teenagers?

Alexander Yes, actually. Why?

Julia Are they difficult?

Alexander They can be a bit badly behaved sometimes.

Julia I'll get the nurse to take your blood pressure and do some blood tests, but I'd say it's probably just stress then.

Alexander Really? So what should I do?

Julia Have you considered another career?

Alexander It's difficult finding another job.

Julia That's true. Well, I can prescribe you some painkillers for your migraine and some tranquilisers for the teenagers!

Alexander Thank you, doctor.

Conversation 2

Alexander Hello, what seems to be the problem?

Julia I've done something to my back. It really hurts.

Alexander OK.

Julia And then my knees are a bit swollen and really stiff. It's quite difficult to walk.

Alexander Right. And how long have you been like this?

Julia Well, the knees and the back have been like that for a while, but I've also recently developed this rash.

Alexander OK. Any itchiness?

Julia Yes. It's terrible – I can't stop scratching it.

Alexander Well try not to. Any other symptoms?

Julia Well, dizziness and migraines and I also vomit regularly!

Alexander Really? Are you on medication?

Julia Yes, I'm taking antibiotics for a chest infection and I also have tablets for my heart.

Alexander I see.

Julia Can you help me?

Alexander Sorry, I'll ask the nurse to put your whole body in plaster. It will stop you scratching, and will help your back and knees. It will also stop you falling over when you get dizzy.

Julia Thank you, doctor. But what about the vomiting?

Alexander We'll give you a bucket.