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How are you?

I'm just phoning to ask what you're doing tonight. • I've been in bed all day. • I've got a stomach bug. • Why don't you take some herbs? • I'm phoning to apologise for what I said. • I was up till three last night studying. • I couldn't get to sleep last night. • He fell asleep in the middle of dinner! • I had a terrible nightmare last night. • I overslept this morning. • There's no cure for it. • It's a chronic illness. • I got woken up by the noise. • You're in a very good mood today. • I'm feeling a bit better. • All right. How's it going?

Conversation

1 Using vocabulary: I'm not feeling very well

Match the sentences with the pictures.

1. I've got an upset stomach.
2. I've got a bit of a cold.
3. I've got a bit of a headache.
4. I've got a really bad cough.

When was the last time you had any of these problems?

A



B



C



D



2 Talking about being ill

Listen to two conversations. The first is between Sarah and her friend Pete; the second is between Teresa and her friend Janet. The first time you listen, note Sarah and Teresa's problems. Don't look at the conversations while you listen.

Listen again and complete the conversations.

Conversation 1

Hello. Is that Sarah?

S: Yes, hi. How are you?

I'm fine. (1) ? You weren't in class today. I'm just phoning to make sure you're OK.

S: Oh, thanks. That's really nice of you. I'm (2), actually.

Oh no. What's the problem?

S: I've got a really bad cold. I've been in bed all day.

Oh no! I'm sorry. Have you been to (3) about it?

S: No, I'll be all right. I just need to stay in bed for a while. I already feel (4) than I did this morning.

Conversation 2

Hello.

T: Hi, Janet. It's Teresa. (5) ? Great, thanks. How are you?

T: Not very well, actually. That's why I'm phoning. Can you tell Ralph I can't come to class tonight?

Yes, of course. What's the problem?

T: Oh, I've just got a really upset stomach. I've been in and out of the bathroom all day.

Oh no. (6) ! I'm sorry. Can I do anything to help?

T: That's really kind of you, but I'm all right. I'll be fine tomorrow.

Have you taken anything for it?

T: No, I'm just drinking lots of water and trying to (7)

Right, that sounds sensible.

T: Listen, I've (8)

Yes, of course. I'll phone you tomorrow and see how you are.

T: OK. Thanks. Bye.

Now look at the tapescript and practise reading it with a partner. Remember to stress the sounds in CAPITAL LETTERS and try to say each group of words together.