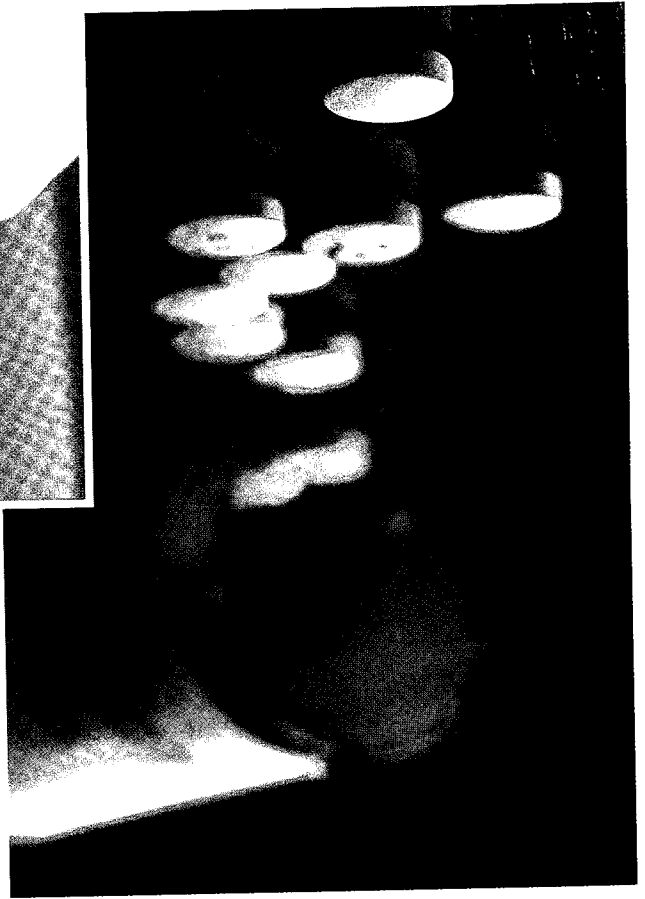




We often say 'I'm just phoning to + verb to explain why we are telephoning someone:

- Oh hello, Tom. I'm just phoning to see if you want to go out tonight.

Put the words in brackets in order and complete the explanations.

1. I'm just phoning to see (are / how / you)
2. I'm just phoning to ask (what / tonight / you're / doing)
3. I'm just phoning to arrange (to / tomorrow / where / meet)
4. I'm just phoning to apologise (birthday / for / forgetting / your)
5. I'm just phoning to enquire (your / about / courses / English)
6. I'm just phoning to make (sure / home / OK / you / got)
7. I'm just phoning to check you're (tonight / still / coming)
8. I'm just phoning to let you know (late / I'm / to / be / going)
9. I'm just phoning to find out (are / how / Chile / much / your / flights / to)

With a partner, think of one more ending for each of the explanations above. For example:

• I'm just phoning to see if you're doing anything tonight.

Write a conversation using one of the explanations above. You can begin with one of these:

- A: Hello.
- B: Hi, is that Alan?
- A: Yes, hello. How are you?
- B: Fine, thanks. Listen, I'm just phoning to ...
- A: Good morning. Carnaby Language School / Iberian Airways.
- B: Oh hello. I wonder if you can help me. I'm just phoning to ...

Match the questions with the answers.

1. What's the problem?
2. Have you taken anything for it?
3. Have you been to see anyone about it?

- a. I've got this stomach bug. I've been sick all night.
- b. Yes, I took some painkillers earlier, and I'm feeling a bit better now.
- c. No, I don't like taking anything.
- d. I've got a really bad headache. I've had it all afternoon.
- e. Yes, I went to the hospital yesterday, but they said it was fine.
- f. I've got this really horrible cough. I've had it for days.
- g. Yes, I went to the doctor this afternoon and he just told me to take it easy.
- h. Yes, I took some herbs earlier and I'm feeling a bit better now.
- i. Nothing really. I'll be fine. I just need to go to bed.
- j. Yes, I took a couple of pills earlier.
- k. No, it's OK. I don't need to go to the doctor. I'll be fine tomorrow.
- l. I just feel really weak and tired. I've been in bed all day.

With a partner, have conversations like those in Activity 2. Use some of the answers above.

What do you normally do when you're feeling ill?