

getting medical advice

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German Steps Stage 6: At the chemist's

Andrea isn't feeling well; see what happens when she calls into the chemist's for some tablets and advice. Watch the slideshow, do the activities, read all about pharmacies and the medical system in Germany then check out the links to sites of interest.

Learning hint

Look up in a dictionary the words for different parts of the body, including their gender (**der, die, das**) and plural forms. Then make sentences in German such as 'my ear hurts', 'my ears hurt', 'my arm hurts' etc and say them out loud using **mein** (masculine or neuter singular) or **meine** (feminine singular and all plurals) with **tut mir weh** or **tun mir weh**.

Key language

Ich habe Halsschmerzen I've got a sore throat
Mein Kopf tut mir weh My head aches
Haben Sie Fieber? Have you got a temperature?
Was kann ich (noch) tun? What (else) can I do?
Haben Sie etwas für ...? Have you anything for ...?
Nehmen Sie Take
Trinken Sie Drink
Probieren Sie Try

die Apotheke pharmacy
der Arzt doctor
die Tablette tablet
krank ill
der Hals throat
nehmen to take
brauchen to need
viel a lot

Quiz

1. How would you tell the chemist your leg hurts?
2. The pharmacist advises **Trinken Sie viel Wasser**. What should you do?
3. There are a few words for 'bad' in German. **Schlecht** is one; what is another?
4. Which of the following isn't a part of the body: **Kopf, Fuß, Rezept, Rücken?**
5. Is **tut** or **tun** the missing word in the sentence **meine Füße mir weh?**
6. How would you say that you've got a temperature?

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