Asking about systems

A Observe the questions and decide which body system they refer to.

Language focus 4

Note how the doctor asks about the systems:

- Have you any trouble with your stomach or bowels?
- What's your appetite like?
- Any problems with your waterworks?
- What about coughs or wheezing or shortness of breath?
- Have you noticed any weakness or tingling in your limbs?

B Other questions aiming at suspected problems.



Match each of the suspected problems in the first column with a suitable question from the second column. For example: 1c.

question from the second column. For example, re-							
Si	uspected problem	Qι	nestion				
1	depression	a)	Have you had any pain in your chest?				
2	cardiac failure	b)	Do you ever get wheezy?				
3	asthma	c)	What sort of mood have you been in recently?				
4	prostate	d)	Any problem with your waterworks?				
5	coronary thrombosis	e)	Have you ever coughed up blood?				
6	cancer of the lung	f)	Have you had any shortness of breath?				

C Complete the grid with possible complaints:

MS	RS	CVS	GIS	GUS	CNS	psychiatric
	WIS	INIS RS	NIS RS CVS	MIS RS CVS GIS	MIS RS CVS GIS GUS	MIS RS CVS GIS GOS CINS



In this extract you will hear a physician interviewing a patient who has been admitted to hospital suffering from FUO (fever of unknown origin). The physician suspects TB. She has already asked about family history, etc. The following form is part of a FUO checklist. First listen and tick (🗸) each point covered in the interview.

	ACHES AND PAINS	CVS	URINARY
duration frequency time chills sweats night sweats rigor SENERAL SYMPTOMS malaise weakness myalgia wt loss drowsiness delirium anorexia vomiting photophobia lime lime lime lime lime lime lime lim	head teeth eyes abdomen chest neck loin back pubic muscle joints bone SKIN rash pruritis bruising	dyspnoea palpitations ht irregularity GIS diarrhoea melaena RESPIRATORY cough coryza sore throat dyspnoea pleuritic pain sputum haemoptysis	dysuria frequency strangury discolouration NEUROLOGICAL vision photophobia blackouts diplopia



Now listen again to indicate the order in which the points are covered by writing a number in the correct box. The first one is marked for you.

Language focus 5 💬 🐵

Listen again to the FUO extract from Task 5. Note that the doctor uses rising intonation for these questions.

- Any pain in your muscles?
- Have you lost any weight?
- Have you had a cough at all?
- Is there any blood in it?
- Have you had any pains in your chest?

When we ask Yes/No questions like these, we normally use rising intonation. Note that the voice changes on the important word. For example:

- Any pain in your muscles?

Underline the important word in each of the questions above. Then listen again to see if you can hear the change on these words. Check your answers with the Key.