

Task 11

Information for Student A (patient):

Name: Mr Peter Wilson
 Age: 48
 Sex: M
 Marital status: M
 Occupation: Steelrope worker

You had an attack of chest pain last night. The pain was behind your breastbone. You also had an aching pain in your neck and right arm. The pain lasted for 15 minutes. You were very restless and couldn't sleep. You've also been coughing up rusty coloured spit.

For the past year you've suffered from breathlessness when you walk uphill or climb stairs. You've had a cough for some years. You often bring up phlegm. In the past three weeks on three occasions you've felt a tight pain in the middle of your chest. The pain has spread to your right arm. These pains happened when you were working in the garden. They lasted a few minutes. Your ankles feel puffy. You find that your shoes feel tight by the evening although this swelling goes away after you've had a night's rest. You've had cramp pains in your right calf for the last month whenever you walk any distance. If you rest, the pains go away.

You've been in good health in the past although you had whooping cough and wheezy bronchitis as a child. You smoke 20 to 30 cigarettes a day. Your mother is still alive, aged 80. Your father died of a heart attack when he was 56. You have one sister. She had TB when she was younger.

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Work in pairs. Student B should start.



- A: Play the part of a patient. Use the information in the Key to help you.
- B: Play the part of the doctor. Try to find out what the patient's problems are. Remember your patient will not understand medical terms. Remember also to use rising intonation for Yes/No questions. Record your findings in the Present Complaint section of the form below.

When you have finished, Student A should check the doctor's notes. Student B should compare his or her notes with the Key.

SURNAME		FIRST NAMES
AGE	SEX	MARITAL STATUS
OCCUPATION		
PRESENT COMPLAINT		