

HUMAN BODY SYSTEMS revision

CHOOSING A SPECIALTY

A Complete the gaps with a correct preposition.

I haven't decided what to specialise ____ (1) yet. I need more experience before I decide, but I'm quite attracted ____ (2) the idea of paediatrics because I like working with children. I'd certainly prefer to work with children than, say, elderly patients – so I don't fancy geriatrics. I was never very interested ____ (3) detailed anatomy, so the surgical specialties like neurosurgery don't really appeal ____ (4) me. You have to be good ____ (5) your hands, which I don't think is a problem for me – I've assisted ____ (6) operations several times, and I've even done some minor ops ____ (7) myself – but surgeons have to be able to do the same thing again and again ____ (8) getting bored, like tying off cut arteries and so on. I don't think that would be a problem for me, but they need to make decisions fast and I'm not good ____ (9) that. I like to have time to think, which means surgery's probably not right ____ (10) me.

B The study of or dealing with...

muscular and skeletal system problems

cancers

the aging process

diseases and the changes they cause

heart diseases

pregnancy and childbirth

children and their diseases

body's resistance to infections

skin and its diseases

nervous system and its disorders

care and treatment of the feet

poisonous substances

X-rays

blood

urinary tract

hormones

female reproductive system

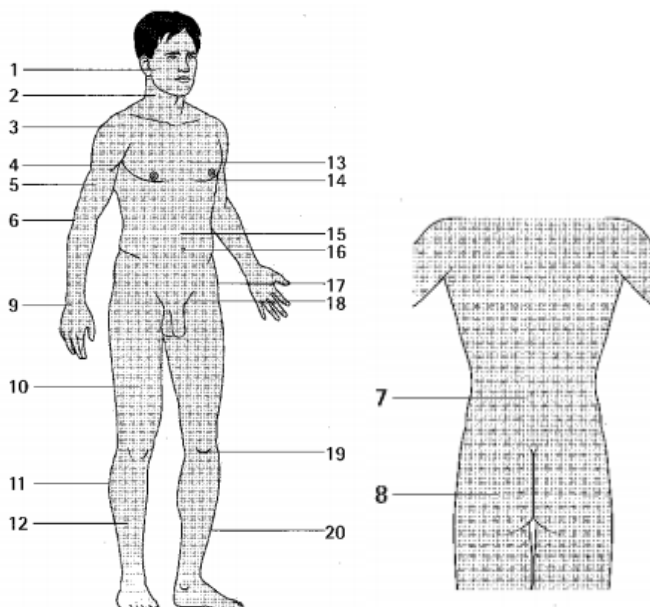
eyes and eye diseases

ears, nose and throat

stomach and intestines

C Discussion/reasons/preferences

BODY REGIONS MEDICAL TERMINOLOGY



MEDICAL EXAMINATION

- 1 Imagine a routine check-up at the doctor's. What are the four basic medical examination procedures?
- 2 What are vital signs?

PRESENTING A COMPLAINT

- 1 What do you do if you feel pain? What does your reaction/action depend on?
- 2 What would you ask a patient who has come with a complaint?

3 SOCRATES

S _____, O _____, C _____, R _____, A _____,
T _____, E _____, S _____

- 4 What are the expected tenses when asking or talking about pain?

- a 1 I've got a headache.
- b _____ I've been having this shooting pain in my leg.
- c _____ I keep getting these flashing lights around my eyes and a sharp pain.
- d _____ I have been having these terrible backaches.
- e _____ The pain goes right through you.
- f _____ Have you been having any pain?
- g _____ I'm getting these headaches off and on now.
- h _____ I'm not taking anything for them.
- i _____ The attacks have increased.

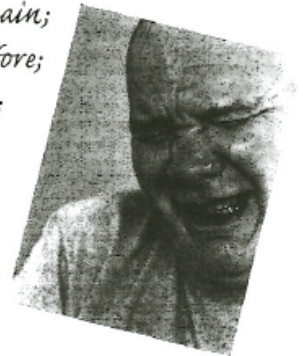
- 2 Work in pairs. Complete the sentences below with the correct form of the verb. If more than one tense is possible, explain the difference.

- 1 My mother _____ (have) these pains since last Tuesday. She still has them.
- 2 _____ (you normally go) for a run at the same time every day?
- 3 The pain _____ (ease) a little since yesterday. It's better now.
- 4 I _____ (lie) in bed for four weeks now. I haven't been out of it once, doctor.
- 5 I can see the rash _____ (get worse). It's much redder.
- 6 I _____ (not take) any medication at the moment.
- 7 _____ (pain spread) to your shoulder or is it just here?

Speaking

- 1 Work in pairs. Decide what possible conditions the notes below relate to.

a *pain just above belly button; goes through to back; makes me double up; worse after a fatty meal; drink a lot (alcohol); sharp pain; had it several times before; pain there all the time; came on after dinner last night*



b *sharp pain in the right side; makes me double up; never had it before; feeling sick; side very tender to touch; only thing relieves it is bending knees to chest*

