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Lesson 1

I. Listening Comprehension

- 1** Listen to Text A and Text B. While listening, take notes and answer the questions below.

Text A

Too Clever

- 1 What is the story about?

- 2 What was wrong with the farmer?

- 3 What did he decide to do at last?

- 4 What did he think he should do before he went to see the doctor?

- 5 Why do you think the farmer greeted the doctor in a casual way?

- 6 Why do you think it took some time before the doctor took the pound?

- 7 What was the doctor's prescription?

Text B

The Same Advice

- 1 What is the story about?

- 2 Why did the man go to see his doctor?

- 3 What did the doctor say about his illness?

- 4 What advice did the doctor give him?

- 5 What was wrong with his previous patient?

- 6 Who was that patient?

2 Tell your partner your answers to the above questions with the help of your notes and the notes below.

- 1 suffered from: 得……病
- 2 consult a doctor: (找医生)看病
- 3 doctor's consulting room: 医生的诊室
- 4 the pound which the farmer insisted on giving him: 农夫坚持要给他的那一英镑
- 5 pains in his stomach: 肚子痛
- 6 there's nothing really wrong with you: 你实际上没有病
- 7 pay his tailor's bills: 付裁缝的工钱

II. Working on the Texts

- 1** Refer to the scripts of Text A and Text B at the end of the lesson. Read the texts aloud to your partner after listening to the recording. Comment on each other's pronunciation and intonation.
- 2** Pick out at least five phrases from the texts following the examples given below. Write them down in the blanks provided. Compare with your partner what you have picked out.

Phrases

- 1 suffer from
- 2 consult sb.
- 3 find out
- 4 insist on doing sth.
- 5 with a smile
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____
- 11 _____

- 3** Make one to two sentences with each of the phrases above, including those you have picked out.

III. Talking about the Picture

Look at the picture and describe it in detail to your partner. You may refer to the following questions and relevant words and expressions in your description.



Questions about the Picture

- 1 Imagine what the patient is telling his doctor. Give three different answers.
What do you think the doctor did just now?
- 2 What advice will he give to the patient?

a skinny person
 be examined carefully
 look ill
 a face with a lot of wrinkles
 wrinkles round one's eyes
 be bald
 be not strong
 complain about
 in a doctor's consulting room
 listen patiently
 a kind-looking middle-aged man
 hair turning white / gray
 wear glasses
 an experienced doctor

Saying

- Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.

IV. Exchanging Opinions

- 1 Read the words and expressions below, which may be used in the following activities.

Related Words and Expressions

in a consulting room
 an examination couch
 an instrument cabinet
 the practice license
 in a frame on the wall
 not wear a doctor's overall
 white/gray-haired
 a stethoscope

look tricky
 sit on the couch without a shirt on
 a moustache
 look surprised
 with eyes wide open
 be worried about
 make gestures
 bare-footed
 complain about one's illness
 be greedy for
 be ill with
 be down with
 be a miser
 be miserly
 a patient under medical treatment
 write out a prescription
 make up a prescription
 prescribe for a patient/complaint

Language Devices

Students are expected to extend their ability to introduce their opinions, to express ideas tentatively, and to ask each other to explain their points of view.

- A. Personally, I think...
- B. I can't help thinking that...
- C. Don't you agree that...?
- D. The way I look at it is...

2 Have a class discussion on the following questions.

- 1 Who is cleverer, the farmer or the doctor? Why?
- 2 What would you do in order to get medical treatment at a lower price if you were the farmer?
- 3 What do you think the tailor would do after consulting the doctor?

3 Divide the class into small groups and do the role-plays below.

- 1 The miserly farmer in Text A and the tailor in Text B lived not far from each other. One day, they met unexpectedly and talked about their illness. They tried to help each other release their worries (i.e. the farmer did not want to pay the medical fees and the tailor wanted to get his money back from those

who owed him).

Step 1: Form a group of three pairs of students. In each pair, one student plays the role of the farmer and the other the tailor.

Step 2: Select two pairs to perform the conversation in front of the class.

- 2 The tailor took the doctor's advice. But as it turned out, he became worse. So he eventually made up his mind to call on all those who owed him money. He tried very hard to persuade the debtors to make the repayment, but not all of them promised to do so.

Step 1: Form a group of five students with one student acting as the tailor while the rest as debtors. Group members may take turns to play the tailor.

Step 2: Select one student to tell the class how he or she talked to the debtors and what responses the debtors gave.

V. Work after Class

1 Listen to Text C about people suffering work pressure and tell your partner in your own words what you have heard.

2 Discuss with your partner the following questions.

- 1 Have you ever felt stressed because of heavy workload?
- 2 How do you usually deal with work pressure?
- 3 What advice do you have for those who are under stress?

Scripts

Text A Too Clever

A farmer who lived in a small village suffered from a severe pain in the chest. This never seemed to get any better. The farmer eventually decided that he would consult a doctor in the nearest town. But as he was a miserly person he thought he would find out what he would have to pay this doctor.

He was told that a patient had to pay three pounds for the first visit and one pound for the second visit. The farmer thought about this for a long time, and then he decided to go and consult the doctor in the town.

As he came into the doctor's consulting room, he said casually, "Good morning, doctor. Here I am again." The doctor was a little surprised. He asked him a few questions, examined his chest, and then took the pound which the farmer insisted on giving him. Then the doctor said with a smile, "Well, sir. There's nothing new. Please continue to take the same medicine I gave you the first time you came to see me."

Text B The Same Advice

A man went to see his doctor one day because he was suffering from pains in his stomach. After the doctor had examined him carefully, he said to him, "Well, there's nothing really wrong with you, I'm glad to say. Your only trouble is that you worry too much. Do you know, I had a man with the same trouble as you in here a few weeks ago, and I gave him the same advice as I'm going to give you. He was worried because he couldn't pay his tailor's bills. I told him not to worry his head about the bills any more. He followed my advice, and when he came to see me again two days ago, he told me that he now feels quite all right again."

"Yes, I know all about that," answered the patient sadly. "You see, I'm that man's tailor."

Text C There's Nothing Wrong with You!

Doctor: Good morning. How are you?

Patient: I'm very worried, doctor.

Doctor: Oh? What are you worried about?

Patient: I'm afraid that I'm very ill.

Doctor: I'm sorry to hear that. Why do you think so?

Patient: Because I feel tired all the time, even when I wake up in the morning. I find it very difficult to do any work. I have no appetite. My wife cooks me delicious meals but I can only eat a little.

Doctor: How do you sleep?

Patient: Very badly, doctor.

Doctor: Do you find it difficult to get to sleep, or do you wake up early?

Patient: Both, doctor. I never get to sleep until two o'clock and I always wake at five.

Doctor: Are you worried about anything?

Patient: Well, yes, I am. I'm worried about my work. I've just taken a new job. I earn a lot of money but it's difficult work. I'm afraid of making a mistake.

Doctor: I see. Please take off your shirt and lie down on the couch.

Patient: Yes, doctor.

(The Doctor examines the patient.)

Doctor: Well, there's nothing very much wrong with you, I'm glad to say. You're working too hard and worrying too much. Do you take much exercise?

Patient: No, doctor. I never have enough time for exercise. I start work very early in the morning and finish late in the evening. Then I can't get to sleep. Can you give me some medicine to help me to sleep?

Doctor: I can, but I'm not going to. You don't need medicine. You need advice. Don't work so hard. Too much work is bad for you. Don't worry about your work. It's silly to worry. Take regular exercise.

Patient: But I may lose my job, doctor! It's hard to get a job like mine.

Doctor: Then get an easier one, even if you earn less money. Which would you rather have, health or wealth?

Patient: You're right, doctor. It's more important to be healthy than wealthy. I'll change my job. I'm grateful for your advice.

Doctor: Come and see me again in a month's time. I think you'll be a different man!