

# Test Your Speaking & Listening Skills

## Role Playing - Health

### 2. Going to the doctor's

**Scene:** Tom feels unwell, so he goes to see his GP, Dr Collins:

- Dr Collins:** Good morning. Hello Tom. How are you doing?
- Tom:** I'm OK. Well, not very good really.
- Dr Collins:** What can I do for you?
- Tom:** I feel terrible. I think it might be hay-fever, but I've never had it before. Whenever I go outside my eyes start itching and I almost feel like I'm crying. My nose hasn't stopped running for about a week. Do you think it is hay-fever?
- Dr Collins:** Have you ever suffered from these symptoms before?
- Tom:** No. I don't usually get it like this. It's just started getting bad recently.
- Dr Collins:** Have you got a high temperature as well?
- Tom:** Not really. But I feel sleepy, and like I've almost got a cold coming on.
- Dr Collins:** I can give you some anti-histamine tablets. They'll make you feel a bit more like yourself, and less drowsy.
- Tom:** Thank you.
- Dr Collins:** Obviously, avoid going to places where there's likely to be a high pollen count. Gardens, parks, and so on.
- Tom:** But do you think it is hay-fever?
- Dr Collins:** Yes. It does look like it, I'm afraid. The anti-histamines will help a lot. Take two tablets twice a day, after eating. Come back and see me if things don't improve. OK? Is everything else alright at the moment?
- Tom:** Yes. It's just the - well, it's probably the hay-fever that's making me feel so awful. Thanks then.
- Dr Collins:** OK. All the best. Make another appointment if the tablets don't help.
- Tom:** Thanks a lot.
- Dr Collins:** Can you ask the next patient who's waiting to come in please?