Read the sentences about the story. Circle Yes or No.

Yes   No  1. Eva Rivera is sick.
Yes   No  2. Kate Shaw is a nurse.
Yes   No  3. Lucy has a fever and a sore throat.
Yes   No  4. Lucy’s temperature is 101 degrees.
Yes   No  5. The nurse tells Lucy to drink a lot of fluid.
Yes   No  6. Lucy feels well at home.
Yes   No  7. Eva drives Lucy back to school.
Yes   No  8. Lucy’s throat is red.
Yes   No  9. The strep test is negative.
Yes   No 10. Step is serious.
Yes   No 11. Lucy needs to take antibiotics.
Yes   No 12. Dr. Price gives Eva a prescription for Lucy.
Yes   No 13. Lucy can go back to school today.
Yes   No 14. Strep isn’t contagious.
Yes   No 15. If Lucy has a rash, she should stop taking the medicine and call the doctor immediately.
## Making an Appointment

<table>
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<th>Hello, Doctor Price’s office. May I help you?</th>
<th>Yes, this is Eva Rivera. I would like to make an appointment for my daughter Lucy. She feels sick today.</th>
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<td>What’s the matter?</td>
<td>She has a temperature of 103 degrees. She has a sore throat. And she won’t drink anything.</td>
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<td>Can you come in today at 3:00?</td>
<td>Is it possible to come in earlier? I am very worried about her.</td>
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<td>How about 11:30? Is that too soon?</td>
<td>That’s fine. We’ll leave now.</td>
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Use the words in the box to complete the sentences. Write the correct word on the line.

1. Strep is very _________________.
2. Your ________________ has strep throat.
3. Lucy’s ________________ is 102 degrees.
4. Here is a ________________ to take to the pharmacy.
5. Keep her out of ________________ for at least twenty-four hours.
6. Her ________________ is very red.
7. Strep is a serious bacterial _________________.
8. Lucy will need to take one ________________ of this medicine three times a day.
9. Lucy needs to drink a lot of _________________.
10. Eva explains to her ________________ that she has a sick child.
11. Eva Rivera is sitting at her ________________ at work.
12. Kate Shaw is a ________________ at Lincoln Elementary.
13. Lucy will need to take _________________.
14. The ________________ is positive.
What means the same? Write the correct letter on each line on the left. The first one is done for you.

__G__ 1. She is sick.            A. What’s wrong?
____ 2. What’s the matter?  B. Strep easily passes from one person to another.
____ 3. Here is a prescription to take to the pharmacy.  C. Lucy needs to have a lot of liquids.
____ 4. She has a fever.   D. Not that I know of.
____ 5. Give her some Tylenol to reduce her temperature.  E. Please come and get her immediately.
____ 6. Your daughter has strep throat.  F. This is a prescription to take to the drugstore.
____ 7. I don’t think so.  G. She is ill.
____ 8. Please come and pick her up right away.  H. Your daughter has a bacterial infection in her throat.
____ 9. Strep is very contagious.  I. Her throat hurts too.
____ 10. She also has a sore throat.  J. Give her some medicine to take down her temperature.
____ 11. Is Lucy allergic to penicillin?  K. Her body temperature is high.
____ 12. Lucy needs to drink a lot of fluid.  L. Will Lucy have any bad side effects if she takes penicillin?
Problem Solving

The doctor tells the mother to keep Lucy out of school until she feels completely well. What can working parents do in this situation? What can working parents do if they cannot stay home from work?

Discuss this situation in your group. Write down some possible solutions below.

1. _______________________________________
2. _______________________________________
3. _______________________________________
4. _______________________________________
5. _______________________________________

More questions for discussion.

1. Approximately how many school days does your child miss each year?
   _______________________________________

2. What was the last illness your child had that kept him or her out of school?
   _______________________________________

3. How many school days did he or she miss? ________

4. Who can you call if you are unable to stay home and take care of a sick child?
   _______________________________________

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