Have you ever... taken medicine?

1. Show:
   medicine, cold, temperature, sore throat, headache, pills, meals

2. Play film 1 and repeat the words
   Extra words: a high temperature, instructions

3. Ask
   Are you ever sick?
   What do you do when you feel ill?
   Where can you get medicine?

4. Play film 2

5. Ask
   Where are they?
   [At the chemist.]
   What is Ayesha’s problem?
   [She has a cold. She has a sore throat and a headache.]
   What question did she ask?
   [Can you give me some medicine for a cold?]

6. Play film 2 again

7. Pause and discuss

8. Ask
   Where is your local chemist?
   Have you ever been given medicine?
   What should she do?
Play film 3

Ask
What did Ayesha ask the chemist to do?
[Help read the instructions.]
How did Ayesha check the instructions for the medicine?
[She repeated them to the chemist.]
How many pills should Ayesha take after meals?
[Two.]

Play film 3 again

Pause and discuss

Play audio and repeat the phrases
Can you give me some medicine?
Can you give me something for my headache?
Can you give me some aspirin?
I've got a sore throat.
I've got a bad back.
I have a pain in my chest.
How many pills do I take?
How much medicine do I take?
When do I take it?

In pairs

Ask
Do you often go to the chemist?
(Why/Why not?)
Have you ever asked about instructions for medicine?
Are they easy to understand?
(Why/Why not?)
How are chemists in Britain different to chemists in other countries?
What do you do when you have a cold?

Ask and check
Can you now …
• use some new words to talk about health problems?
• tell the chemist your health problem?
• ask for explanation about medicine instructions?

Extra

Acting

Card game

Draw other healthcare words e.g. cough, sneeze, backache, lotion, bottle, plasters, tissues, comb, teaspoon, mug