

Calling 2: I've been sick

Overview: Carol talks to her parents. Her parents have been to the doctor and complain they have a 48 hour bug. Carol gives her parents some advice on staying warm and drinking liquids.

Language level: Entry 2 or higher

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(1) Read and listen (transcript)

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1.	Carol:	Hello.
2.	Dad:	Is that Carol?
3.	Carol:	Yes.
4.	Dad:	I'm glad. She ... she's poorly ... is your mother.
5.	Carol:	Right. What's wrong with her?
6.	Dad:	The doctor said it's just two ... two days.
7.	Carol:	Yes. She's got a 24 hour ... a 48 hour bug.
8.	Dad:	And I've got the same. I'll let her get on phone to you.
9.	Carol:	Alright.
10.	Mum:	Hello Carol.
11.	Carol:	Hi ya.
12.	Mum:	I were up all night last night with it.
13.	Carol:	Have you been sick?
14.	Mum:	Been sick, diarrhoea.
15.	Carol:	You just need to drink plenty of fluid.
16.	Mum:	I know ... I, I, I, I ... you know them cartons? I drank some of them?
17.	Carol:	You just need to flush it out of your system ... and stay warm. Just don't go out.
18.	Mum:	It's just like ... it's just like water.
19.	Carol:	Yes. Plenty of drinks. Hot drinks.
20.	Mum:	Yes.
21.	Carol:	And stay in bed or stay warm in house.
22.	Mum:	Yes. Ooh ... I, I, I, I ... when I were in bed last night I were up and down, up and down, up and down, all night.
23.	Carol:	Aw, bless! I know.
24.	Mum:	I were sick first. Carol?
25.	Carol:	Yes.
26.	Mum:	I were sick as a blooming dog ... I, I, I, I ... I ate summet yesterday, <u>y'know</u> ...
27.	Carol:	Yes.
28.	Mum:	... bit of summet, <u>y'know</u> , erm, cottage pie ... I fetched it all up.
29.	Carol:	Alright.
30.	Mum:	Yes.

31.	Carol:	Well let us know how you go on.
32.	Mum:	Yes.
33.	Carol:	Okay.
34.	Mum:	Yes, see you later.
35.	Carol:	Alright, I'll see you later.
36.	Mum:	Bye.
37.	Carol:	Bye.

(2) Audio gapfill

- Narrator:** In this telephone call, Carol talks to her parents. Her parents have been to the doctor and complain they have a 48 hour bug. Carol gives her parents some advice on staying warm and drinking liquids.
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- Dad:** Is that Carol?
- Carol:** Yes.
- Dad:** I'm glad. She ... she's poorly ... is your mother.
- Carol:** Right. What's wrong with her?
- Dad:** The doctor said it's just two ... two days.
- Carol:** Yes. She's got a 24 hour ... a [1] _____.
- Dad:** And I've got the same. I'll let her [2] _____ to you.
- Carol:** Alright.
- Mum:** Hello Carol.
- Carol:** Hi ya.
- Mum:** [3] _____ last night with it.
- Carol:** Have you been sick?
- Mum:** Been sick, diarrhoea.
- Carol:** You just need to drink plenty of fluid.
- Mum:** I know ... I, I, I, I ... you know them cartons? I drank some of them?
- Carol:** You just need to [4] _____ of your system ... and stay warm. Just don't go out.
- Mum:** It's just like ... it's just like water.
- Carol:** Yes. Plenty of drinks. Hot drinks.

Mum: Yes.

Carol: And [5] _____ or stay warm in house.

Mum: Yes. Ooh ... I, I, I, I ... when [6] _____ last night I were up and down, up and down, up and down, all night.

Carol: Aw, bless! I know.

Mum: I were sick first. Carol?

Carol: Yes.

Mum: I were [7] _____ ... I, I, I, I ... I ate summet yesterday, y'know ...

Carol: Yes.

Mum: ... bit of summet, y'know, erm, cottage pie ... [8] _____.

Carol: Alright.

Mum: Yes.

Carol: Well let us know [9] _____.

Mum: Yes.

Carol: Okay.

Mum: Yes, see you later.

Carol: Alright, I'll [10] _____.

Mum: Bye.

Carol: Bye.

(3) Informal / formal

Read the informal sentence. Write a formal sentence.

1 "I'll let her get on phone to you."

1 _____

2 "I were up all night."

2 _____

3 "I were up and down, up and down, up and down, all night."

3 _____

4 "I were sick as a blooming dog."

4 _____

5 "I fetched it all up."

5 _____

6 "Well let us know how you go on."

6 _____

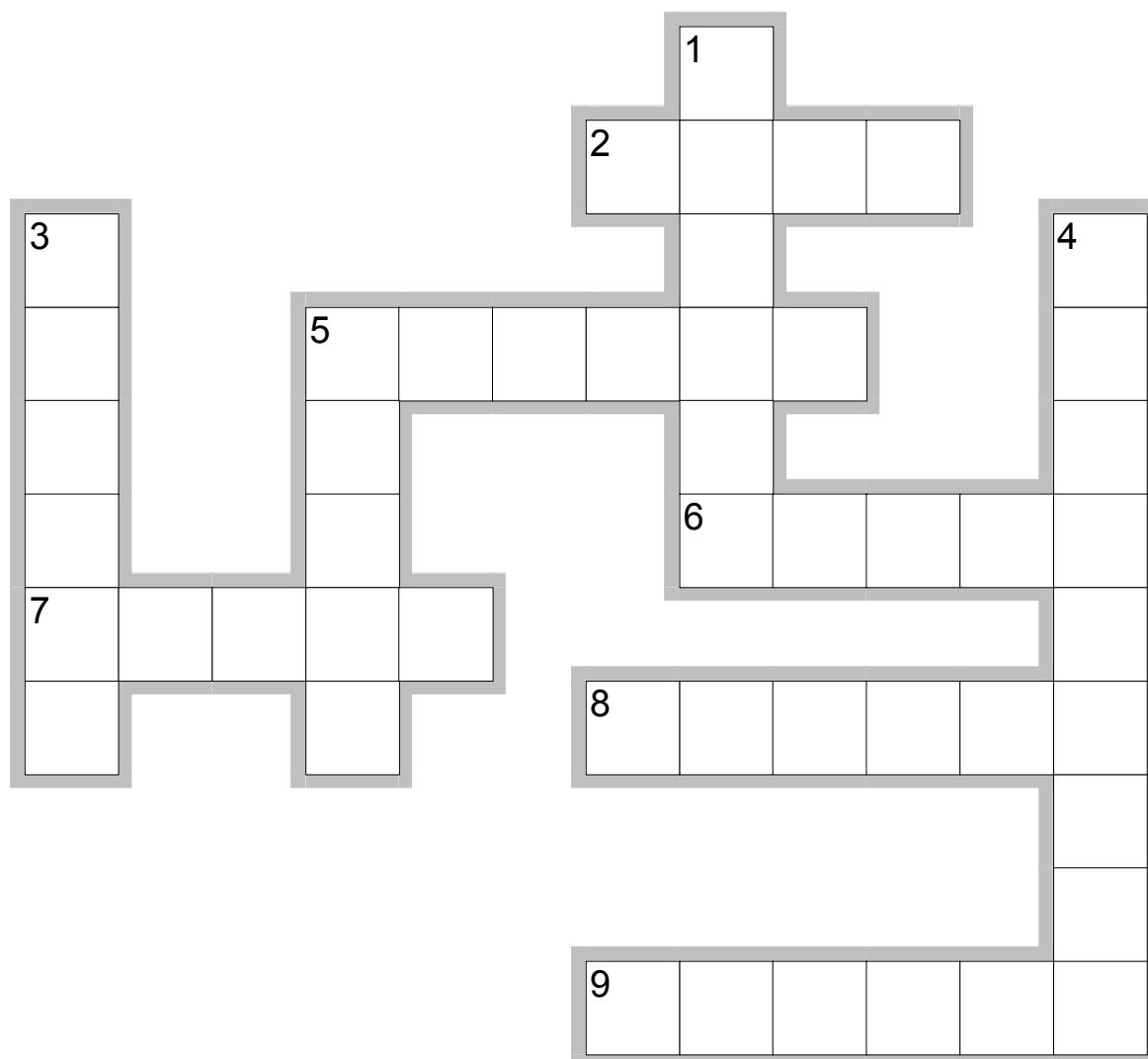
(4) Spellings

Practise spelling the words correctly.

Use LOOK SAY COVER WRITE CHECK

	word	syllables	1 st try	2 nd try	3 rd try	4 th try
1	poorly	poor ly 1 2				
2	mother					
3	doctor					
4	fluid					
5	flush					
6	system					
7	night					
8	drinks					
9	cartons					
10	yesterday					

(5) Crossword



Across

2. when you are poorly you should try to stay ...
5. when you have a lot of something
6. not day time
7. past tense of drink
8. a medical person
9. I don't feel very well

Down

1. not a can or bottle, but something else for storing drinks
3. something you should drink when not well
4. not today, it was ...
5. something to call someone with

(7) Word wall

1. Work in pairs using a pencil. Take turns to guess a word from today. Use a rubber to start again.

2. Choose a word from today and write the number of letters in the box, e.g. _ _ _ _ _ .

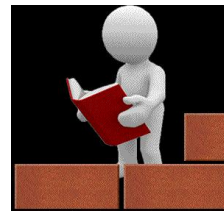
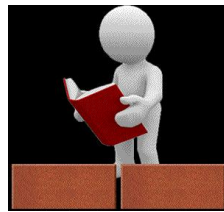
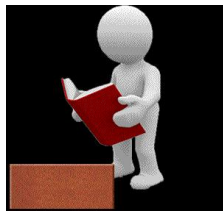
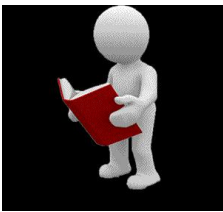


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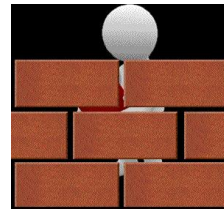
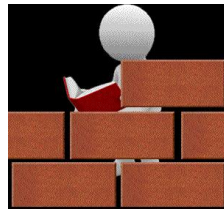
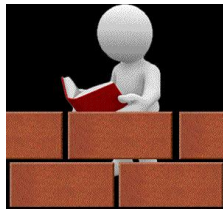
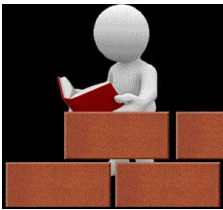
4. Letters used for each guess: _____

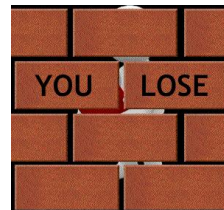
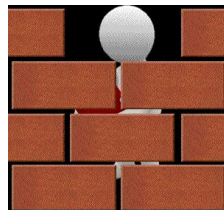
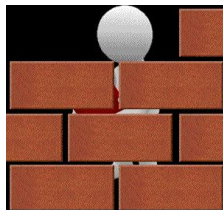
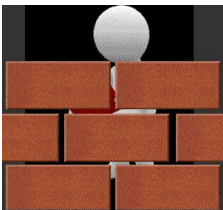
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5. Every time the guesser is wrong give them a cross. Use a pencil.



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(8) Write formal sentences (LSCWC)

Look at each sentence. Read it aloud. Cover it. Write the sentence using a pencil. Check.

1 "I will ask her to speak on the phone to you."

1 _____

2 "I was awake all night."

2 _____

3 "I was going to the toilet all night."

3 _____

4 "I was very poorly."

4 _____

5 "I brought my dinner up."

5 _____

6 "Let me know if you get better or not."

6 _____

(9) Write informal phrases (LSCWC)

Look at each phrase. Read it aloud. Cover it. Write the sentence using a pencil. Check.

Try to think of sentences and instances when you might use each phrase.

1 "get on phone"

1

2 "I were up all night"

2

3 "I were up and down"

3

4 "I were sick as a dog"

4

5 "I fetched it all up "

5

6 "let us know how you go on"

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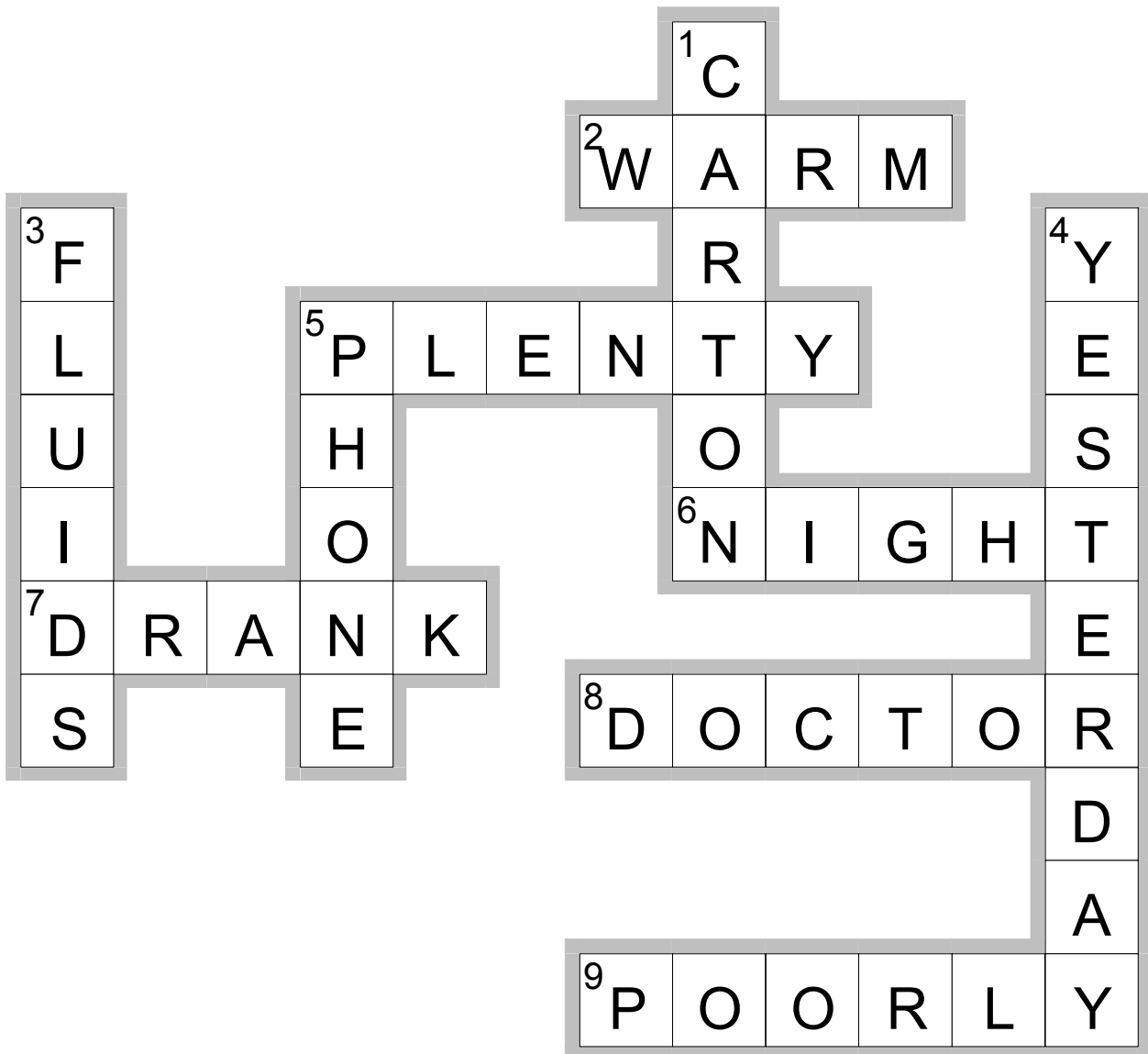
Tutor transcript (with notes)

- **Emboldened** words and chunks indicate *colloquial* language use.
- Underlined words and chunks indicate shortened words.
- Words and chunks as ^{superscript} indicate *standard* language which is absent.
- For the sake of readability, not all words have been spelled to mimic the accent; for example, dropped 'h' and abbreviated words. Draw attention to these features for the learners.

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3.	Carol:	Yes.	
4.	Dad:	I'm glad. ¹ She ... she's poorly ... is your mother.	1. Why is he glad?
5.	Carol:	Right. What's wrong with her?	
6.	Dad:	The doctor said it's just two ... two days.	
7.	Carol:	Yes. She's got a 24 hour ... a 48 hour bug.	
8.	Dad:	And I've got the same. I'll let her get on ^{the} phone to you. ²	2. 'Get on phone', that is, speak on the telephone
9.	Carol:	Alright.	
10.	Mum:	Hello Carol. ³	3. Note the dejected, "feeling sorry-for-herself" tone and how quickly the tone changes when she starts narrating the previous night.
11.	Carol:	Hi ya.	
12.	Mum:	I were up all night last night with it. ⁴	4. That is, she couldn't sleep because she was sick. 'I were' is used a lot in this conversation, as opposed to 'I was'; the latter being grammatically correct but 'I were' the more standard use.
13.	Carol:	Have you been sick?	
14.	Mum:	Been sick, diarrhoea.	
15.	Carol:	You just need to drink plenty of fluid.	
16.	Mum:	I know ... I, I, I, I ... you know them cartons? I drank some of them? ⁵	5. What 'cartons' does she mean?
17.	Carol:	You just need to flush it out of your	6. A lexical chunk within the discourse of illness but one that is difficult to clarify

		system ⁶ ... and stay warm. Just don't go out.	for second language speakers; that is, the drinking of lots of water to 'pass' through the body and 'clean' it.
18.	Mum:	It's just like ... it's just like water. ⁷	7. Presumably, 'it' refers to diarrhoea.
19.	Carol:	Yes. Plenty of drinks. Hot drinks.	
20.	Mum:	Yes.	
21.	Carol:	And stay in bed or stay warm in ^{the} house.	
22.	Mum:	Yes. Ooh ... I, I, I, I ... when I were in bed last night I were up and down , ⁸ up and down, up and down, all night.	8. That is, in and out of bed going to the toilet.
23.	Carol:	Aw, bless! ⁹ I know.	9. 'Bless' used in this sense extends sympathy to the listener.
24.	Mum:	I were sick first. Carol? ¹⁰	10. Notice the silence and then the raised tone in 'Carol?' to check she is still on the other end of the phone.
25.	Carol:	Yes.	
26.	Mum:	I were sick as a blooming ¹¹ dog ... I, I, I, I ... I ate summet ¹² yesterday, <u>y'know</u> ...	11. 'Sick as a dog' or sometimes 'as sick as a dog'; an idiom to express the severity of an illness but is now more of a cliché. 'Blooming': an informal intensifier similar in use to the more popular 'bloody' and less popular 'blinking'. 12. 'Summet' meaning 'something'.
27.	Carol:	Yes.	
28.	Mum:	... bit of summet, <u>y'know</u> , erm, cottage pie ... I fetched it all up . ¹³	13. That is, she was sick. Notice also the dramatic pause before, and the emphasis on, 'I fetched it all up.'
29.	Carol:	Alright.	
30.	Mum:	Yes.	
31.	Carol:	Well let us know how you go on ? ¹⁴	14. An interesting phrasal verb, variation of 'get on', meaning, how you progress.
32.	Mum:	Yes.	
33.	Carol:	Okay.	
34.	Mum:	Yes, see you later.	
35.	Carol:	Alright, I'll see you later.	
36.	Mum:	Bye.	
37.	Carol:	Bye.	

Crossword (answer key)



Audio gapfill (answer key)

1. 48 hour bug
2. get on phone
3. I were up all night
4. flush it out
5. stay in bed
6. I were in bed
7. sick as a blooming dog
8. I fetched it all up
9. how you go on
10. see you later