

Mixer #48 – Hospitals

Listen as six people share they thoughts about hospitals.

1) Why doesn't Al go to hospitals?

- a) He's scared
- b) He's not sick

2) Mitchell is a little afraid because _____

- a) he had a bad experience
- b) he thinks he might get sick

3) Every time Keiko goes to the hospital _____

- a) he gets bad news
- b) he gets sick

4) What did Tres do at the hospital?

- a) He caught a disease
- b) He played with doctors

5) What does Simon think of hospitals?

- a) They're well-organized
- b) They're full of pain

6) Why was Ruth excited to go to the hospital?

- a) It was her first experience
- b) To see her new brother



Transcript

Al, England

No, I'm not afraid of hospitals. I haven't spent much time in hospital cause I've been fairly healthy in my life so. I think there is something quite **weird** and interesting about hospitals, so I shouldn't say that. That might be bad luck, but no I'm not afraid of hospitals.



Mitchell, the United States

I am not afraid of hospitals, but at the same time I'm also afraid of hospitals because I tend to think that there's a lot of **viruses** in hospitals since everyone who is sick tends to go to hospitals and coughs and gets well at the hospital but in general I'm not afraid of hospitals. It's a place where you recover from injuries and relax and get well.



Keiko, Japan

Yes, I am afraid of hospital. Every time I go there, I never had good news obviously. Every time I felt something is wrong I go to doctor and the doctor and the doctor does tell me there is something wrong with me so I don't like going to the hospital. I don't like hospitals.



Tres, the United States

I am not at all afraid of hospitals and I don't know why anyone would be afraid. Maybe if they **contracted some disease** while, I don't know, getting their tonsils taken out or something but hospitals are great. I love them. My sister was **asthmatic** growing up so I spent a lot of time in hospitals playing with the doctors and the nurses. I had a great time.



Simon, Canada

Am I scared of hospitals? Sure I am because they're usually bit ugly buildings that are **sterile**. There's lots of sick people in them. There's probably a lot of pain in hospitals. Some hospitals aren't so technologically **up-to-date** so that's scary as well. There's more to say, but that's it for now.



Ruth, England

Afraid of hospitals! My friends would really laugh if they heard this question. I think I'm one of the very few people who absolutely loves hospitals. I had to go for an operation about four months ago and I was so excited because I had never been in hospital before and it was just the most exciting experience. I really like hospitals and that hospital smell. I don't know, there is something about it. It **reassures** me. I quite like it.



Vocabulary

weird

Describing something as 'weird' means it is strange, often in a bad way.

- This soup tastes weird. Are you sure you followed the recipe correctly?
- I used to have some weird habits like saving my fingernail clippings.

viruses

A 'virus' is a non-bacterial organism that causes sickness and disease. Notice the following:

- The common cold is actually caused by a virus.
- The doctor said I had some kind of virus, but it wasn't serious.

contracted some disease

When we 'contract' or 'catch' a disease, it means we get sick, often seriously.

- He contracted some disease while trekking in the Amazon.
- Hospital staff must be careful not to contract disease while working.

asthmatic

A person who is 'asthmatic' has a disease called 'asthma,' which is a breathing problem.

- I have to be careful with intense exercise because I'm asthmatic.
- The doctor recommended a new medication for my asthma.

sterile

If something is 'sterile,' it is completely clean and free from bacteria.

- The operating room must be sterile in order for a surgery to be performed.

up-to-date

To be 'up to date' means to have the latest information or newest technology.

- The meeting brought us up-to-date on the project.
- The computers at my school aren't so up-to-date.

reassures

Something or someone that 'reassures' us stops us from worrying. Notice the following:

- I was reassured to see some friends in my new class.
- He reassured us that the parcel would arrive on time.

Vocabulary Quiz

weird • virus • contract • up-to-date • reassured

1. The doctor told me that my sickness is caused by a _____.
2. She is always _____ on the latest celebrity gossip.
3. He _____ us that everything would be okay.
4. Wearing an orange shirt with pink pants looks _____.
5. It is really painful to _____ a disease in your eye.