

TAKING A HISTORY

Exercise I: Match.

1. bowels	A. the organs of the body through which urine is passed
2. indigestion	B. a slight stinging feeling
3. waterworks	C. a flow of blood for a few days each month from the body of a woman when she is not pregnant
4. period	D. breathing noisily and with difficulty
5. palpitation	E. an abnormally larger/rounder place on the body
6. swelling	F. intestines
7. wheezing	G. rapid beating of the heart
8. tingling	H. pain caused by difficulty in digesting food

Exercise II: What do the abbreviations in the first column stand for?

Exercise III: In which order are the systems being discussed?

Exercise IV: Which system(s) does the patient complain about? Put a tick for each system.

SYSTEM	ORDER	COMPLAINT	NO COMPLAINT
ENT			
RS			
CVS			
GIS			
GUS			
CNS			
Psychiatric			

Exercise V: Complete the questions the doctor asked the patient.

1. Do _____ with your stomach or bowels?
2. _____ your appetite _____?
3. _____ with your waterworks?
4. _____ coughs or wheezing or shortness of breath?
5. _____ any weakness or tingling in your limbs?
6. _____ of mood have you been in recently?