

1  In a small group discuss scoliosis under the following headings:

- a) Onset of the disease
- b) Influence of family history
- c) What are the treatments for scoliosis?


Use these words to help you: physiotherapy, plastic brace, operation, genetic, childhood, spine

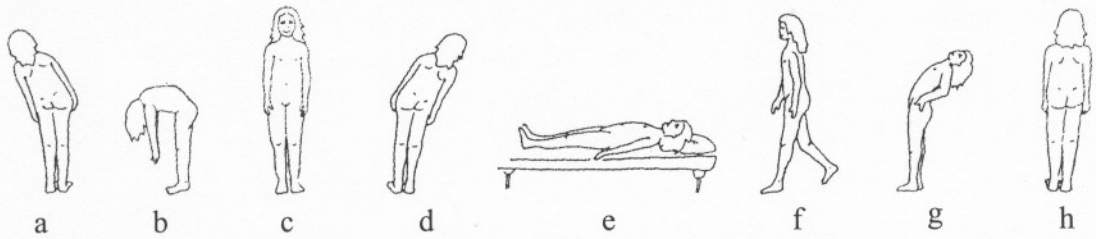
2  Listen to dialogue 7/4/A and say whether the following statements are true or false.

- a) I have noticed that my daughter's back has become twisted.
- b) It has become much more curved over the last few months.
- c) She has never had any health problems at all.
- d) Problems with the spine run in the family.

3 Find the correct synonyms used for the words underlined in the sentences below.

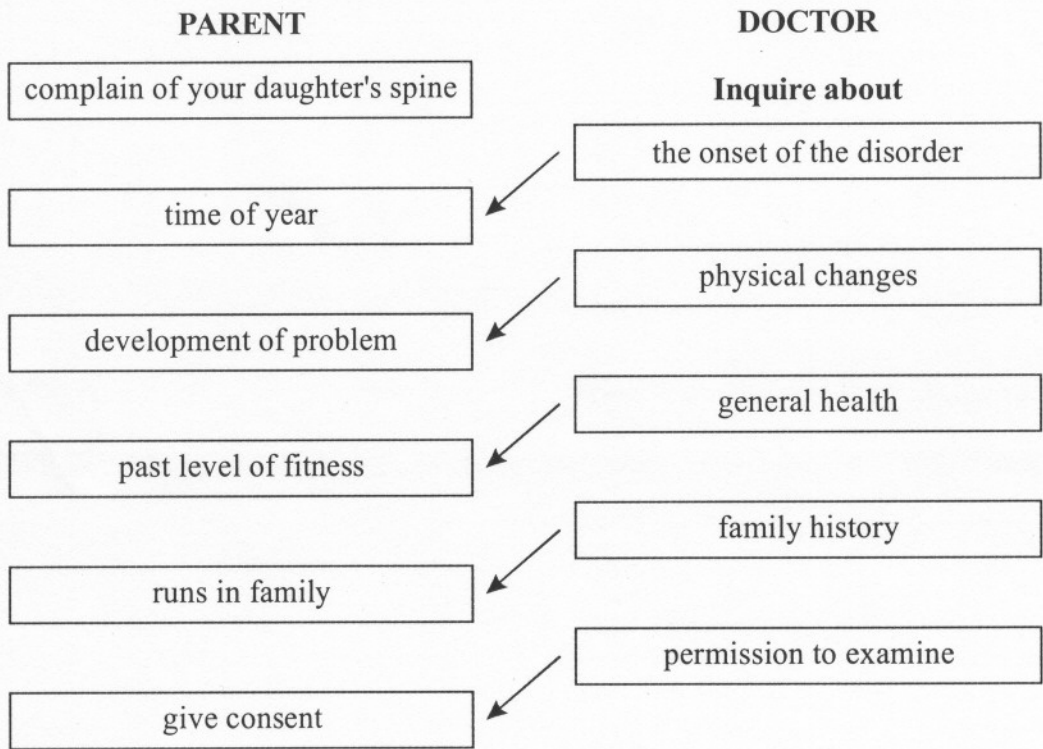
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| Her spine has become <u>twisted</u> | <i>crooked</i> |
| a) The back appeared to be <u>protruding</u> | |
| b) It has become slightly more <u>bent</u> | |
| c) She is usually in good <u>health</u> | |
| d) My brother was <u>crippled</u> by scoliosis | |
| e) He is <u>worried</u> that the same thing
might happen to him | |


4  Listen to the instructions (7/4/B) given by the doctor when examining Mary, and number the pictures in the order you hear them.



5 Look at the pictures again and practise giving instructions to your patient.

6 Below is a flow chart of the consultation. Write the dialogue between the doctor and the patient.



7  Listen to the doctor's explanations in 7/4/C and 7/4/D. How does he tell the patient about the following:

- a) what scoliosis is
- b) the cause of scoliosis
- c) recommended treatment
- d) no operation necessary at this stage
- e) use of a brace