

## **Medical Dialogue Script 2- Part A**

Hi! I'm Dr. Hampton. How can I help you?

Well, basically, over the last couple of weeks—I play football on Sundays down at Belmore Park – Do you know where that is?

No I don't...

Ah well doesn't matter. Anyway a couple of weeks ago, I was getting a bit more tired than I used to be. I'd get out of breath in the game. I'd get puffed out.

But more recently, it's been little things, like walking up and down stairs, and stuff like that. That's got me a bit tired as well. So I was just wondering what's... what's wrong with me – do you know? Can you fix it please?

OK. When did you first start feeling unwell? Can you remember?

Well I've played sports for years – never problem – very fit, well except I broke my leg 7 years ago..Well a couple of months ago I had a cold. Well, I thought it was a cold: I had a sore throat. I didn't feel well and I've never really recovered from that.

A couple of months? Did we see you with that?

No.

No, I didn't see you on the computer. So, you just basically managed that yourself, and ah...

Yes. I thought it was getting better, but it's never really... never 100% again. So maybe it was something more than a cold. I don't know.

OK. What symptoms were you getting with that cold at the time?

Um... Bad sore throat. My glands were... felt quite big, as well. So, um. I was just really tired, really..., really, you know. No energy.

Were you short of breath at *that* time during that cold?

Yes, but now worse. That's why I've come in now, because ... it's got worse...it's got a bit more noticeable

Have those cold symptoms gone away now?

Yes. Pretty much. I still get a bit of a sore throat every now and again.

Pretty much... Right, OK. When you are at rest, do you get short of breath?

No.

No. Okay. Have you noticed any noisy breathing...?

I'm deaf so I can't hear any breathing.

Ok, Does your breathing feel different in your chest?

No

Never had asthma, or any sort of chest problems, as far as you know?

No, nothing like that. That's why I've come in: because it's strange to me.

Yes? OK. And what about your appetite and weight? How are you with eating and drinking?

Fine, yes. Been OK.

And do you have a particular diet?—Do you—are you a vegetarian, or anything?

No, I'm not a vegetarian. I eat quite a lot of meat, actually.

You do?

Yes. Last night I had steak and the night before I had lamb... I think, or maybe that was on Wednesday I can't really remember

So you eat red meat?

Yes, yes.

What about green, leafy vegetables—sort of...?

Whenever I can, yes.

## **Medical Dialogue Script 2- Part B**

OK. Um—Have you noticed any problems with abdominal pain, or indigestion

**No, no. Nothing severe, no.**

Nothing severe...have you had some from time to time?

**No, not really. I've had mild discomfort I suppose. I don't know.**

Yes, OK. Is that something you've had on and off for many years?  
Or, new with this

**It's nothing new, no.**

It's nothing new—OK. Um—Any nausea or vomiting with this?

**No.**

What about your bowels? Have they been working normally?

**Yes. Been fine.**

Been fine? Not passed any diarrhea or constipation?

**No, no, no.**

In particular, not passed any black, or very dark motions?

**No.**

No? OK. You mentioned getting out of puff... In yourself, just day-

to-day, how are you feeling at the moment?

Just generally, a bit worn down, to be honest with you. Feel a bit “under the weather”, I suppose you’d say.

Just “not right,” sort of

Yes. Something’s wrong I can feel something’s wrong, because I’m a bit...just a bit dozy, almost. Just a bit... you know.

Are you suffering from any fevers, or sweats, or anything like that?

Mm. Not really, no.

And, um, what about family history? Is there a family history of people getting anemic, for example, for any reason, as far as you are aware?

Hmm what is anemic?

Well that means that your body is not producing enough red blood cells – which transport oxygen around the body, so if there are not enough you feel tired because the oxygen is not flowing as easily as it should. Usually it means that you are not getting enough iron.

No-one’s had any, sort of, um—blood disorders, or anything...?

No

Nothing like that, as far as you’re aware. Parents both healthy?



Yes, yes.

And brothers and sisters...?

I don't have any brothers, just one sister. She is hearing – and I am the only deaf one.

Right. Fine. And did you have an idea in your own mind, what this might be?

I saw my firend the other day and he said that he had ummm starts'g' .... A fever. He said it started a few months ago – he said maybe I had the same – maybe he's right..... because my glands are up.