

Intermediate Short Stories – “A Visit to the Doctor”

Directions: First read the basic version of the story below. Next, read the advanced version of the same story. Then, try to answer the questions about the story.

Basic Version



Samantha was coughing and feeling very tired. She was sick. She wanted her mother to take her to the doctor’s office.

“Mom, I am feeling very sick,” she said.

“I think I need to take you to the doctor,” her mother said.

They got in the car and drove to the doctor’s office. The doctor looked carefully at the back of her mouth. He also asked her some questions about how she was feeling.

“It looks like you have a bad cold. You will need some medicine to make you feel well again.” “Ok, thank you doctor,” said Samantha.

Then Samantha and her mom went to the drugstore to get the medicine. She took the medicine when they got home. In a few days she felt better.

Advanced Version



Samantha was coughing and feeling very tired. She was sick. She wanted her mother to take her to the doctor’s office.

“Mom, I am feeling very sick,” she said.

“I think I need to take you to the doctor,” her mother said.

They got in the car and drove to the doctor’s office. The doctor **examined** her **throat**. He also asked her some questions about how she was feeling.

“It looks like you have a bad cold. You will need some medicine to make you **healthy** again.” “Ok, thank you doctor,” said Samantha.

Then Samantha and her mom went to the **pharmacy** to get the medicine. She took the medicine when they got home. In a few days she felt better.

Questions:

1. What was wrong with Samantha?
2. What did Samantha's mother decide to do about Samantha?
3. What did Samantha get at the pharmacy?

Vocabulary:

To find word definitions: First, find the word in the advanced version of the story. Then, compare this part of the advanced version of the story to the same part of the basic version of the story. This will give you a general definition of the word.

1. What does "**examined**" mean? (*paragraph 3, sentence 2*)
2. What does "**throat**" mean? (*paragraph 3, sentence 2*)
3. What does "**healthy**" mean? (*paragraph 4, sentence 2*)
4. What does "**pharmacy**" mean? (*paragraph 5, sentence 1*)