



Chapter -I-

Part-2-

Medical Conversation

Dialogue 1

- **Good afternoon. Miss Jones, isn't it?**
- Yes, that's right.
- **I'm Doctor Pearson. Please come in and have a seat.**
- Thank you.
- **Sorry to have kept you waiting, Miss Jones.**
- Thank you, Doctor. You know, I have been setting there for nearly an hour.
- **Yes, I do apologize. We're running a little late this afternoon. The flu epidemic you know.**
- I know I can't be helped, I suppose.
- **No, December is always a difficult time of the year. Alright, Miss Jones, what do you want to be called?**
- Kate
- **Okay, Kate, what can I do for you?**
- I have lost quite a lot of weight over the last few months, and my mother is worried.
- **Right, Kate. Since this is your first visit to practice, I'd like to have a more detailed picture of things. Do you mind if I write some notes.**
- No, Doctor.
- **Thank you. Could I have your date of birth, please?**
- November 2nd 1994
- **Do you work, Kate?**
- Yes, I'm a journalist.
- **That's interesting! You probably know many famous people but it must be a lot of work.**
- Yes, I work all the time!
- **Do you mind if I ask you if you have your own place?**
- Yes, a one-room flat in Paris. It's been a few months now.
- **And do you live in your own?**
- Yes.
- **Could you tell me about any illnesses you might have had in the past?**
- Nothing special.

- **Have you had any childhood illnesses?**
- I had chickenpox and salmonella when I was a baby.
- **Is there any disease that runs in your family?**
- My grandpa has diabetes and my uncle has OCD.
- **Are your parents alive and well?**
- Yes. My mother was in a terrible accident 6 years ago but she seems ok now.
- **Have you had visits to the hospital?**
- I fell and cut my forehead when I was 2. They stitched it at the hospital.
- **Have you had any operations?**
- I had my tonsils out.
- **How up-to-date are you with your shots, Kate?**
- I travel a lot. So I'm immunized against yellow fever, hepatitis A and B, typhoid, and of course tetanus. But I did not have my flu shot this year.
- **Are you allergic to anything?**
- I'm allergic to peanuts.
- **Can I ask you about any medications you might be taking at the moment? Any OTCs?**
- I take some organic clay for my stomach.
- **Do you drink any alcohol?**
- No.
- **Do you smoke?**
- Never.
- **Now, if you don't mind, Kate, I'm just going to ask you a few questions about your diet. What type of food do you eat?**
- I'm vegan.
- **It means you only eat vegetables?**
- That's right, and fruits.
- **How long have you been a vegan?**
- One year. But before that I was a vegetarian for 10 years.
- **Do you take any supplements?**
- Iron tablets, and Vitamin B12 that I buy at the pharmacy.
- **Right, Kate, let summarize what we've discussed so far. You have or rather your mother has noticed you have lost some weight recently. You are a vegan and you take iron and vitamin B12 tablets that you buy at your local pharmacist. You have had your own place for a few months now and you work a lot. Is that a fair summary of what we have discussed?**
- Yes, Doctor.
- **Alright, now, if you don't mind, I'm going to check your height and your weight.**
- **Could you get understand for me, please?**
- Do I need to undress completely?
- **No, you can keep your underwear.**
- Fine.