

# UNIT 3

## Caring for terminally ill patients

Complete exercises 1a–e below. These exercises practise the following grammar points:

- present simple and present continuous
- questions: word order
- *Wh-* questions

For help with the exercises, you can find a *Grammar reference for Cambridge English for Nursing Pre-intermediate* at the following address [www.cambridge.org/elt/englishfornursing](http://www.cambridge.org/elt/englishfornursing).

**1 a** Look at these sentences that a nurse or patient might say. Complete the sentences by writing the verb in brackets in the present continuous.

- The phone is ringing (**ring**). Can you get it, please?
- I'm afraid she \_\_\_\_\_ (**speak**) with the doctor at the moment.
- My hands \_\_\_\_\_ (**hurt**) worse and worse lately.
- Mrs Jones \_\_\_\_\_ (**feel**) much better today.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ (**take**) your medication every day, aren't you?
- The pain \_\_\_\_\_ (**get**) worse.
- My husband \_\_\_\_\_ (**not / cope**) well with my illness.
- I'm very worried about her. She \_\_\_\_\_ (**not / eat**) at the moment.
- You \_\_\_\_\_ (**not / sleep**) as well at the moment. Is that correct?
- This buzzer \_\_\_\_\_ (**not / working**). Can you fix it for me, please?

**b** Look at the sentences in Exercise 1a again. Answer the following question by writing the number of the sentence next to the best answer: *a*, *b* or *c*. Which of the sentences (1–10), use a present continuous verb to:

- describe something happening at the time of speaking? 1
- describe a temporary situation?
- describe a situation which is changing at this moment?

**c** Look at these sentences that a nurse or patient might say. Complete the sentences by writing the verb in brackets in the present simple or the present continuous.

- You don't think (**not / think**) the pain is getting better with your treatment?
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (**not / understand**) why I have to lie down all the time.
- I \_\_\_\_\_ (**look after**) Mrs Watson but only for today.
- Mrs Royle \_\_\_\_\_ (**not / like**) talking about her illness.
- \_\_\_\_\_ your back \_\_\_\_\_ (**hurt**) when you lie down?

**d** Look at the questions a nurse might ask a patient. Put the words in the correct order to make correct questions.

- 1 you / of / can / a / tea / cup / I / get  
Can I get you a cup of tea?
- 2 your / do / some / shoes / need / help / you / with  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 are / how / you / today / feeling  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 the / your / pain / like / in / shoulder / is / what  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 5 at / how / the / is / moment / pain / the / bad  
\_\_\_\_\_

**e** Look at these sentences that a nurse, a patient or a hospital visitor might say. Complete the first part of the dialogue by writing one word in each space.

- 1 **Nurse:** Where is the pain?  
**Patient:** It's just here, in my chest.
- 2 **Visitor:** \_\_\_\_\_ my sister feeling today?  
**Nurse:** She's a bit down at the moment I'm afraid.
- 3 **Visitor:** \_\_\_\_\_ can I come to see my father?  
**Nurse:** Visiting hours are between 4 and 6pm.
- 4 **Visitor:** \_\_\_\_\_ looking after Lucy today?  
**Nurse:** Nurse Andrews.
- 5 **Nurse:** \_\_\_\_\_ the pain worse when you walk?  
**Patient:** It's hard when I walk but no. It's not much worse.

### Extension

Write answers to these questions so that they are true for you. Use full sentences.

- What are you doing at the moment? *I'm practising my English grammar.*
- What do you usually do at this time?
- Are you making good progress with your English?
- Are you working harder than usual these days?