



At the pharmacy

Yesterday, Sasha's doctor gave her a small piece of paper. "This is a prescription for some medicine," he said. "You take it three times a day for two weeks."

Sasha took the paper to the pharmacy. She gave it to the pharmacist. The pharmacist asked her a few questions. He asked her name, address and Social Security number. "Do you have an insurance card?" he asked. "Yes—here it is," Sasha said. "Please wait over there," said the pharmacist. "It will take about 10 minutes."

Sasha sat down. A few minutes later she heard someone call her name. She went to the counter. The pharmacist told her about the medicine. "You should take this medi-

cine with food," he said. "If you take it on an empty stomach you might feel sick." "Thank you," said Sasha.

The pharmacist said "That will be \$10. Please sign your name here." "What is this?" asked Sasha. "It's a record for the insurance company." Sasha signed the paper. She gave the pharmacist \$10. She took the medicine and her receipt and went home.

When she got home, Sasha ate lunch. Then she opened the medicine bottle. It was very difficult to open. It had a child-proof cap. She took one tablet and drank some water. Then she put the medicine away in a cabinet.

Discussion

1. Why did the medicine cost \$10?
2. If Sasha didn't have insurance, how much do you think the medicine would cost?
3. Has your doctor ever given you a prescription?
4. If so, how much did the medicine cost? Did the medicine help you?

Role play

One student is a pharmacist. The other student is a customer. What do they say to each other?