A Roleplay 1

You're a family doctor. B is your patient. You're new to this surgery and so you haven't met him/her before. When you meet a new patient, you like to find out as much as you can about them. Although you're in favour of traditional medicine too, you've recently become very interested in alternative medicine like acupuncture and massage. You think that some conditions can be better treated using alternative medicine, e.g. acupuncture for people with phobias or weight problems.

- Find out as much information as you can about the patient e.g. age, job, family life, previous illnesses, operations.
- Ask the reason for today's visit. Find out how long he/she's had this problem.
- You don't like the medicine the patient usually takes,
 Calmozene. You prefer a natural one called Tranquil.

B will start.

Roleplay 2

You're a patient. B is your family doctor. You know your doctor very well and you think that he/she likes you. That's why you call him/her by his/her first name (Paul/Paula) and not Dr Woods.

- Today you've made an appointment with the doctor because you have some very strange symptoms (what are they?), and you are convinced that you have a problem with your heart. You want the doctor to take you seriously and confirm your suspicions!
- Explain all your symptoms to the doctor.
- Ask the doctor to take your blood pressure and temperature.
- Tell him/her that you would like to see a specialist. Be prepared to argue with him/her if necessary.

You start the conversation.

Hello Paul/Paula. How are you?

