Lesson: Medicine

Use the following terms to create a concept map in the space below: prescription medicine, medicine, over-the-counter medicine, side effects, prescription, and medicine label.

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What Are Prescription Medicines?

Prescription medicines are medicines that a doctor orders for you to take. The doctor writes the order on a special piece of paper called a prescription. After you take your prescription to a pharmacy, or drug store, you get your medicine in a container that has a label like the one below. Look at the parts of this prescription label.

**Pharmacy Name**
You can contact the store easily if you have any questions.

**Date**
This is the date that the medicine was prepared for the patient.

**Patient Name**
This is the only person who should take this medicine.

**Directions**
This tells how many to take and how often to take it.

**Type of Medication**
This tells the name of the medication and how strong it is.

**Expiration Date**
This tells when the medication will no longer work properly.

**Quantity**
This tells how much medication is in the container.

**Refills**
This tells how many more the doctor said you could buy.

**Warnings**
These labels give some important information about how the medication should be used.

Avoid strong sunlight while taking this medication

Take with food or milk.

Pretend that you are John Jones, and the prescription above is for you. Answer these questions.

1. How many pills will you take each day? For how many days will you take them?

2. Suppose you forget to take a capsule. Who might you call to find out what to do?

3. If you had planned a trip to the beach this weekend, what should you do?

4. Suppose your sister has the same illness. Could you use the refill for her? Why, or why not?

5. If you got sick again in June of 2001, could you use this container of medicine? Why, or why not?

6. Should you take this medicine before lunch, with lunch, or after lunch? Explain your answer.