

Read the story.

The best medicine



When Dad got home from work last night, he was surprised that nobody was there. Just then Mum and Lucy came in. 'We were at the doctor's,' Mum explained. Lucy looked terrible. 'Oh no!' said Dad. 'What's the matter?' 'I've got a sore throat, a headache and a cough,' Lucy croaked weakly. Dad felt his daughter's forehead and said, 'You've got a fever too. What did the doctor say?' 'He told me to rest and take some medicine,' Lucy said. 'I think I'll go to bed now.'

'You can't go yet,' said Mum. 'You need to take your medicine.' Lucy pulled a face. 'I hate medicine,' she groaned. Mum gave her a hug. 'The doctor told you to take this medicine after food,' she said. 'I'll make some congee.' Lucy groaned again. Congee was one of the worst things about being ill! Mum went to the kitchen and Lucy sat on the sofa with Dad. Then Dad had an idea to cheer Lucy up. He opened a book and read her some jokes.





JOKE TIME



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Patient: Doctor! Doctor! My son has eaten a pencil.
What should I do?

Doctor: Use a pen!

Patient: Doctor! Doctor! My nose is running.

Doctor: Well, chase after it!



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Patient: Doctor! Doctor! I think I need glasses.

Waiter: You certainly do. This is a restaurant,
not a clinic.

Patient: Doctor! Doctor! I've lost my memory.

Doctor: When did this happen?

Patient: I can't remember.



30 Half an hour later, Mum came in
with the congee. She was shocked to
see Lucy holding her stomach and
tears running down her face.

35 'Why are you crying? Have you
got a stomachache?' Mum asked.

'No,' laughed Lucy. 'Dad's telling
me some jokes. I'm crying because
they're making me laugh so much. I
feel a bit better now.'

40 Mum smiled. 'Now I know why
people say laughter is the best
medicine,' she said.



Do you think that laughter is the best medicine? Why / Why not?