

GAME:

Countable & *uncountable* nouns

Why is this important?

He had a diabetes

A = any 1 (general singular)

Anaemia

A contusion

A headache

Surgery

A cold compress

Bandage

Treatments	Conditions	Injuries	Equipment	Symptoms	Medicine
	uncountable	countable	countable		uncountable
A healthy diet	IBS	A left knee sprain	A wheelie walker	A mood swing	Tylenol
Surgery	anemia	A broken leg	A trolley	A heart murmur	paracetamol
A operation	cancer	A wound	An x-ray machine	dizziness	ibuprofen
Therapy	AIDS	A laceration	A walking stick	vomiting	antibiotics*
Physiotherapy	diabetes	A contusion	A bandage	nausea	Normal people always use the plural even when there is only
An exercise	TB	A concussion	A toilet tray	A headache	A severe bleeding
A treatment*	asthma	A broken leg	An echocardiogram	A stomach ache	An antibiotic was prescribed
A cold compress	epilepsy	Bruising*	An IV drip	A rash	antidepressants
management	A tumour	A bruise	A machine	swelling	Same
	An inflammation	A trauma	A dressing	A cough	clopidogrel
	hypertension	A fracture	An ultrasound	Stiffness	aspirin
	hypotension	A wound		A sore throat	Etc.
	leukaemia			itchiness	
	gout			A sneeze	
	A pollen allergy			A scab	
	A cold			An ache	
	Flu			A pain	

He had an assessment

TODAY:

- 1 What is a closed question?
- 2 Grammar of closed questions
- 3 **Statement Questions & Echoing**

What is a closed question?

Definition: You answer this question with 'yes or no'

OET Example:

Have you ever drunk alcohol?

~~Do you have any pain?~~ – *is that natural? No.*

Have you been experiencing any pain? Note: when talking pain we should use the continuous tenses


Are you experiencing any pain?

Are you **in** pain?

Do you do exercises regularly?

Grammar of a Closed Question

Primary auxiliary: be, have, do
 Modal auxiliary: **can**, will, could, etc.



Aux	Subject	Verb
<u>Do</u>	You	Eat [V1]	Healthy food
Can (ability)	You	Eat	Breakfast?
Have	You	Eaten [V3]	
Could (permission)	You	Tell me...	

~~Did you quit smoking?~~ – I would ask this one if someone was telling me a story that had no relevance to present moment.

Have you quit smoking? – relevant to now

Checking quitting, stopping, or following advice:

Have you reduced you alcohol intake?

Have you been following your diet?

Have you done any exercise?

Have you managed to do more exercise? ← Here it is uncountable


Do it



Exception: BE

Aux.	Subject	ING / Adjective / noun	...
Are	you	a	well

Fact (not an action)



Use for states:

Are you interested in tennis?

Are you a doctor?

Future action:

Are you playing basketball tomorrow?

Are you going to do the exercises we asked to do tomorrow?

Ongoing action:

Are you studying OET?

Are you taking medications?

Are you taking pain killers?

Are you doing your physiotherapy?

Exercises:

1. Are you sleeping **well**?
2. **Do** you have any pain? – this is okay

Better: Have you been experiencing any pain?

Are you experiencing?

Pain = continuous tenses

3. Have you eaten anything?
4. Have you been taking your medication? – relevant to now

Did you take your medication? – it's like a story. It has relevance to now.

State

5. Are you **able to** move your leg?
6. **Can** you move your leg?
7. Could you lift your arm above your head? – can you do it now so I can check

Can you lift your arm above your head? – **is it possible in now** / can you do it now

You are asking them about what they can do

**Closed questions are often difficult for students in OET because they can't think of any!
What other closed questions do we always ask students?**

In the speaking exam... sometimes you want to ask a closed question in order to get a *higher grade* (information gathering)

Any situation:

'Are you sleeping well?' – can be used in almost any situation because illness disrupts sleep

~~Are you eating well?~~

Do you eat a healthy diet?

Do exercise regularly?

Are there any triggers?

Do you have any concerns about this?

Can you tell more about that?

Statement Questions & Echoing

Tomorrow