2nd December 2024 – Listening Vocabulary

Starter:

Think about these questions and consider your answer:

1. What triggers might **set off** an allergic reaction in a patient?
2. In your opinion, when is it most important to **advocate** for a patient's rights and well-being?
3. What aspects of patient care do you consider a **mainstay** of effective treatment?

Spelling Test:

1. soothes
2. devastating
3. stick with
4. moody
5. struggle
6. rolled out as standard
7. come on
8. cruel
9. misleading
10. tender
11. leakage
12. appealing
13. striking
14. widespread
15. dozen

Vocabulary Gap Fill:

1. It's come on gradually over the last few months – the pain, that is.

2. Yeah, but not only there – it's now pretty widespread.

3. It makes me rather moody to be honest, which isn't like me.

4. What's most annoying is that it now hurts to walk sometimes… it's really quite devasting/tender.

5. I do find that heat often soothes it.

6. I gave up after a few dozen sessions.

7. I'm not sure if it really helps or not, but I'll stick with it for the moment.

8. That can be traumatising. Indeed, the results can be devastating.

9. What seems particularly cruel is that it prevents people from doing things they take great pleasure in.

10. Even more striking is that in about ninety-five percent of cases the conditions don't deteriorate.

11. Looking at paper and small screens is a struggle if you have AMD.

12. The hope is that if these tests can be rolled out as standard, it will free up time.

13. The idea of stem-cell treatment is appealing, but the suggestion that it could become an off-the-shelf treatment within the next few years seems overly optimistic.

14. Handheld OCTs have now become available, and they're less costly and it's claimed that these make the diagnosis of eye disease accessible to everyone. But this is dangerously misleading.

15. Regular injections of drugs – the so-called anti-VEGFs – can suppress the protein which triggers rogue vessel formation and leakage.