day 25 feeling ill

Say you're ill, see a doctor, and ask what you can and may do.

Feeling ill far from home is scary; a few words make it much easier.

words

word	pinyin	meaning	how it's built
病	bìng	illness; be ill	A person on a sickbed 疒: bìng, poor thing.
生病	shēngbìng	fall ill, be sick	生 be born, grow + 病 illness
看病	kànbìng	see a doctor	看 look + 病 illness
能	néng	can, be able to	能 began as a picture of a bear: strong enough to do anything.
可以	kěyǐ	can, may	可 may, can + 以 use, by means of
不要	bùyào	don't	不 not + 要 want
忙	máng	busy	So much to do you lose your heart: máng, busy busy!
没事	méishì	it's nothing, I'm OK	没 not have + 事 matter, thing
事	shì	thing, matter	Shì: all the little things on your to-do list.
一下	yīxià	a bit, briefly	一 one + 下 down, (one) time
再	zài	again; then (later)	You already know it from 再见, "see you again"!

pattern 能 can, 可以 may, 不要 don't · verb + 一下

who | 能 · 可以 · 不要 | verb | 一下

能 is "can" (able to: health, time), 可以 is "may" (allowed). 不要 + verb means "don't!". Add 一下 after a verb to make it short and friendly: 看一下 "take a quick look".

我今天不能去上课。 **Wǒ jīntiān bù néng qù shàngkè.** I can't go to class today.

我可以看一下吗？ **Wǒ kěyǐ kàn yíxià ma?** May I take a quick look?

不要喝茶，多喝水！ **Búyào hē chá, duō hē shuǐ!** Don't drink tea, drink more water!

你能来一下吗？ **Nǐ néng lái yíxià ma?** Could you come here a moment?

dialogue anna sees a doctor

xiaoming 爸爸，安娜生病了，她来看病。
Bàba, Ānnà shēngbìng le, tā lái kànbìng. · Dad, Anna's ill. She's come to see a doctor.

mr li (dr li) 你好，安娜！请坐。你觉得怎么样？
Nǐhǎo, Ānnà! Qǐng zuò. Nǐ juéde zěnmeyàng? · Hello, Anna! Please sit down. How are you feeling?

anna 李医生，我很冷，也不想吃饭。
Lǐ yīshēng, wǒ hěn lěng, yě bù xiǎng chī fàn. · Dr Li, I feel cold, and I don't want to eat.

mr li (dr li) 我看一下。没事，是小病。你要多喝水，多休息。
Wǒ kàn yíxià. Méishì, shì xiǎo bìng. Nǐ yào duō hē shuǐ, duō xiūxi. · Let me have a look. It's nothing serious, just a little bug. You need to drink lots of water and rest.

anna 我明天能去上课吗？我很忙！
Wǒ míngtiān néng qù shàngkè ma? Wǒ hěn máng! · Can I go to class tomorrow? I'm really busy!

mr li (dr li) 不能。你要在家休息，不要去上课。星期五再去吧。
Bù néng. Nǐ yào zài jiā xiūxi, búyào qù shàngkè. Xīngqīwǔ zài qù ba. · No. You need to rest at home, so don't go to class. Go back on Friday.

anna 好吧。我可以看电视吗？
Hǎo ba. Wǒ kěyǐ kàn diànshì ma? · OK. May I watch TV?

mr li (dr li) 可以！看电视，多喝水，多睡觉！
Kěyǐ! Kàn diànshì, duō hē shuǐ, duō shuìjiào! · You may! Watch TV, drink lots of water and sleep lots!

write it trace the grey, then write your own

可
kě
may, can

以
yǐ
use, by
means of

good to know · 要 has three jobs: 我要茶 "I want tea", 你要多喝水 "you need to drink more water", and 不要看！ "don't look!" 再 is for next time: 星期五再去 "go back on Friday". 还 is for still or also: 他还在睡觉 "he's still asleep".

If you fall ill in China, you can now tell people you can't come, see a doctor and answer friends with a brave 没事!
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