# **Antibiotic scenarios**

**Scenario 1:** Ash had a runny nose and really sore throat so he went to the doctor.

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**Doctor:** A runny nose isn’t helped by antibiotics. Go home and go to bed, take some painkillers for your sore throat.



**Ash:** But I’m really ill. Surely antibiotics will help?

**Doctor:** I know sore throats can make you feel really ill and they can last a week. The pharmacist will be able to give you something for your pain.

**Ash:** What if I get really bad?

**DISCUSSION**

Discuss whether you agree or disagree with Ash going to the pharmacy?

Discuss what you think Ash might be worried about?

 **Scenario 2:** Alisha is talking to her friend Anna about her urine infection. Alisha has been prescribed antibiotics by her doctor.



**Alisha:** I’ve been given antibiotics for my urine infection. The doctor told me to take them for 3 days, morning and evening. After 3 days I’ve still got some left, what shall I do with the ones left over now I feel better?

**Anna:** Why don’t you just take them, it will make sure you get rid of all the infection.

**DISCUSSION**

Discuss whether you agree or disagree with Anna?

Discuss what you think Alisha should do with

her leftover antibiotics?

**Scenario 3:** Chloe was talking to her friend Jamie about her headache and cough.



**Chloe:** My headache really hurts and I have a bad cough

**Jamie:** Don’t you have any antibiotics in a cupboard at home you could take?

**What should Chloe say? Discuss the correct and incorrect options.**

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| Statement  | Correct | Incorrect |
| Gosh no, I shouldn’t take anyone else’s antibiotics. |  |  |
| Great idea – we have some left-over from when my sister had an ear infection. |  |  |
| Yes I had a cough a few weeks ago and went to the out-of-hours and they gave me a prescription, but I didn’t bother to cash it in. I’ll do it now! |  |  |
| I don’t have any antibiotics in the cupboard – don’t you always take them back to the chemist? |  |  |
| I’ve never had any antibiotics – so we don’t have any in the cupboard. |  |  |
| I had a urinary tract infection last month. I’ll use the left-over antibiotics from them. |  |  |
| I shouldn’t take antibiotics that are left over. |  |  |
| I don’t have any at home, but I’ll ask Josie, she is always at the doctor with her coughs. |  |  |
| I only take antibiotics if the doctor prescribes them. |  |  |
| I think I should just take some pain relief and go to bed. |  |  |