



Lesson 5

Reading Glasses

Viktor is having vision problems. Lately, it's very difficult to read. Viktor can't fill out forms. He can't read books and magazines. He can't read numbers in the telephone book. The print is too small. Viktor asks his wife, Anya, to help him.

One day, Anya says, "Viktor, please see an optometrist. You need to have an eye exam. You probably need reading glasses." So Viktor and Anya go to the optometrist's office.

The receptionist asks Viktor to fill out a form. "I can't read this," says Viktor. "Can you please help me?" Anya helps Viktor fill out the form. Then Anya picks up a magazine. She reads an article and laughs. "What's so funny?" asks Viktor. So Anya reads the article to Viktor.

Finally, the optometrist examines Viktor. His eyes are okay, but he needs reading glasses. "These will help you a lot," says the optometrist.

At home, Viktor tries out his new reading glasses. He picks up the newspaper. He can read it very well. Viktor and Anya are very happy. In the evening, they decide to go out for dinner. "Will you please call and make a reservation?" asks Anya. "The number for the restaurant is in the telephone book."

"Sure," says Viktor. "But first, can you please help me find my reading glasses?"



Answer the questions.

1. What kind of problems is Viktor having?
2. What is it very difficult to do lately?
3. What can't Viktor fill out?
4. Why can't he read numbers in the telephone book?
5. Who does Anya want Viktor to see?
6. Who helps Viktor fill out the form?
7. What does Anya read to Viktor?
8. What kind of glasses does Viktor need?
9. Where do Viktor and Anya decide to go in the evening?
10. Where is the number for the restaurant?

Complete the sentences.

optometrist

newspaper

exam

forms

wife

glasses

magazines

numbers

1. Viktor can't fill out _____.
2. He can't read books and _____.
3. He can't read _____ in the telephone book.
4. Viktor asks his _____, Anya, to help him.
5. One day, Anya says, "Viktor, please see an _____."
6. Viktor goes to the optometrist's office and has an eye _____.
7. His eyes are okay, but he needs reading _____.
8. Now Viktor can read the _____ very well.

Matching: Definitions

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| ___ 1. glasses | a. eyesight |
| ___ 2. optometrist | b. words and numbers on paper |
| ___ 3. print | c. the short form of <i>examination</i> ; a test |
| ___ 4. reservation | d. what you wear over your eyes to see better |
| ___ 5. vision | e. an arrangement to keep something for you |
| ___ 6. exam | f. a person who tests your eyes |

Talking About a Vision Problem

Practice the dialog with a partner.

A. Can you please help me?

B. Sure. What do you need?

A. I can't read this number. The print is too small.

B. Please see an optometrist. You need to have an eye exam.

A. Yes, I know. I'll make an appointment.

B. You probably need reading glasses.



Check the good ideas.

You are having vision problems. Lately, it's very difficult to read. Check (✓) the things that are good to do. Write other ideas on the lines below.

___ go to an ophthalmologist

___ go to an optometrist

___ have an eye exam

___ stop reading and watch TV instead

___ buy books with large print

___ buy inexpensive reading glasses

___ use a magnifying glass to read

___ hold books far away from your face

___ ask someone to read for you

___ have eye surgery

What about you?

Circle Yes or No. Then write questions and ask your partner.

Yes No 1. I have vision problems.

Do you have vision problems?

Yes No 2. I sometimes see an optometrist or an ophthalmologist.

Yes No 3. I need glasses.

Yes No 4. I sometimes need help to fill out forms.

Yes No 5. I think the print is too small in some books and magazines.

Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. Do you have eye exams? If so, how often do you have them?
2. Do you wear glasses? If so, why do you need them?
3. Is there an optometrist's office in your neighborhood? If so, where is it?