

**Pre-Intermediate 1**  
**Unit 1, Dialog**  
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## At the Eye Specialist's

### Using "Apostrophe S" to Talk about Places:

- I went to **the butcher's**. = I went to the butcher's shop.
- Tom is at **the dentist's** now. = Tom is at the dentist's office now.
- Sally went to **her uncle's** last night. = Sally went to her uncle's house last night.
- Harry Morgan is at **the eye specialist's**. = Harry Morgan is at the eye specialist's office.
- I bought this bottle of milk at **Wendy's**. = I bought this bottle of milk at Wendy's store.

*Harry's left eye hurts badly. He's at the eye specialist's talking to the receptionist.*

hurt = be painful

- *Harry's eye hurts.* = Harry has a sore eye. = Harry has a pain in his eye.

eye specialist = ophthalmologist (American) = oculist (British)

receptionist = secretary

**Receptionist:** Good afternoon. Can I help you?

**Harry:** Hello. I'm Harry Morgan. I have an appointment with Dr. Hunter.

appointment = an arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place

**Receptionist:** Oh, yes, Mr. Morgan. Can I have your insurance card?

**Harry:** Here you are.

insure (v.) = arrange for compensation in the event of damage to or loss of (property), or injury to or the death of (someone), in exchange for regular payments to an insurance company

- *Mr. Roberts insured his shop against fire.*

insurance (n.) = an arrangement by which a company provides a guarantee of compensation for specified loss, damage, illness, or death in return for payment of a specified premium

**Receptionist:** Thank you. Please have a seat.

**Harry:** Sorry ma'am. I really need to see the doctor right away.

have a seat = sit down = take a seat

ma'am = madam

right away = immediately, quickly

**Receptionist:** I'm afraid she's busy at the moment.

**Harry:** But I have a sharp pain in my left eye and I feel dizzy.

**Receptionist:** Well, let me see what I can do for you.

I'm afraid = I'm sorry

busy ≠ free

at the moment = now

I feel dizzy. = I have vertigo.

dizzy = having or involving a sensation of spinning around and losing one's balance

vertigo = a feeling of spinning around and being unable to balance

**Full Text:**

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**Sample Summary:**

Harry visits the eye specialist because of severe pain in his left eye. The receptionist asks for his insurance card, and Harry gives it to her. Although the doctor is busy at the moment, Harry wants to see her immediately because of the pain and dizziness. The receptionist promises to help him.

**Source:**

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