

Generic and Brand Name Medication: listening and vocabulary

A. Complete the definitions brand name	with the correct words. non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs	
enteric coating	(NSAIDs)	
generic name	(to) trouble	
joints		
1	_ : parts of the body where two bones meet	
2	: cause pain or physical discomfort	
3	: name of the active ingredient in a medicine	
4	: trademarked name that a medicine is sold under	
5	: barrier applied to a medication that prevents it being broken	
down in the stomach		
6	: medicines used to relieve pain, reduce inflammation and bring	
down a high temperature		

B. **4** Watch the video of a pharmacist talking about a medication with a patient. Answer the questions.

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- 1. What does the patient discuss with the pharmacist?
- 2. What type of medication does the pharmacist explain to the patient?
- 3. What is the effect of enteric coating on a medication?
- 4. Why is the patient unsure about taking the medication?
- 5. What does the pharmacist advise the patient to do, if the tablets do not relieve her pain?

C. Match the beginnings and endings to complete what the pharmacist says. Watch the video again if you want to.

1. The doctor prescribed them to try to	a) stop it dissolving before it starts working properly.
2. This type of medication reduces swelling,	 b) go and see your doctor to get the prescription checked.
3. It's the drug naproxen with a special covering to	c) without seeing her prescription.
4. The generic name is	d) take more of the tablets or perhaps even something different.
5. If a drug is made by several manufacturers	e) reduce the swelling around your joints.
6. I'm afraid I can't say for sure	f) the proper name for the drug.
7. If the tablets don't help with the pain, you should	g) it can have different brand names.
8. If it isn't controlling the pain, you may need to	h) but without the same side effects.