

LITTLE TEDDY BEAR'S EAR BOO-BOO

Little Teddy Bear is going to bed after a day at school. Mama Bear tucks him in, but Little Teddy Bear just cannot go to sleep. He has been feeling sneezy for several days, but he keeps feeling worse and worse, and now his ear hurts, too. However, he does not want to disturb Mama Bear's evening chores and says nothing to his mother.

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Finally, the pain becomes too much, and he calls for Mama Bear. Mama Bear touches Little Teddy Bear's forehead, and it feels warm. Little Teddy Bear has a fever. He is sad: "I can't go to school tomorrow!" Mama Bear brings a painkiller and gives it to him to help with the pain. Little Teddy Bear feels cold and wants more blankets.

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Mama Bear knows that when you have a fever, a cool bed is better to make the fever go down. "Tomorrow morning we will go and see the doctor", she says.

The next morning Little Teddy Bear goes to visit the doctor's office with Mama Bear. Little Teddy Bear is a bit nervous: "What will the doctor say?" The doctor examines his ear. "It's an ear infection all right", he says. He prescribes antibiotics for Little Teddy Bear. "Remember to complete this course of medicine, or five days", the doctor says. "The bacteria that caused the ear infection will then be sure to die, and you will get better". Little Teddy Bear promises to do this.

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On the way home, they visit a pharmacy. Little Teddy Bear wants to go to the pharmacy, too, and talk about his medicine in the pharmacy.

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Little Teddy Bear hands the prescription to the pharmacist and tells her that his ear hurts. "Fortunately the medicine will start making you feel better soon", the pharmacist says. Preparing the medicine takes a little time. The pharmacist tells how the bottle must be shaken always before taking the medicine. They also talk with the pharmacist about how the course of antibiotics is to be taken regularly. When Little Teddy Bear takes it in the morning at around eight o'clock before going to school, he is to take it again at eight in the evening before going to bed. At home, Mama Bear gives Little Teddy Bear liquid antibiotics. She draws 10 millilitres of the medicine into a syringe from which Little Teddy Bear takes the medicine into his mouth. "Ugh, that tastes bad", Little Teddy Bear says. "I don't want to eat any more of this!"

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"Oh yeah, I will get better only if I complete the entire course of medicine". Next morning, Little Teddy Bear asks, "Mama, could you give me my medicine so that I will get better?"

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Even if the medicine tastes a little icky, Little Teddy Bear takes it every day for five days. After taking the medicine, he always drinks a glass of water. The medicine cures his ear. Once his fever has gone down and he feels better, Little Teddy Bear can go back to school.