

Ted Talk

What happens when you have a disease doctors can't diagnose?

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Pronunciation

Medical words are often fairly transparent, but difficult to say.

Examples

Myalgic encephalomyelitis M.E Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

Encéphalomyélite Myalgique(EM), Syndrome de Fatigue Chronique (SFC).

Put the following medical words that you will hear in the Ted Talk, in the correct stress patterns.

Specialist metabolism, hypochondriac, neurologist, dermatologist
endocrinologist, cardiologist, psychiatrist, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy,
inflammation

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Part one 0.0-6.31 Complete the table with notes about Jennifer Brea

Name	Jennifer Brea
5 years ago she was	
Her first health problems were What did the neurologist think were the causes and what did he diagnose?	
What happened when she walked home and after?	
What did she then discover?Note the numbers and statistics	

Now compare your notes with a partner.

Part two 6.31-9.20

She researched what the neurologist thought was wrong with her ‘conversion disorder’ and discovered that this was previously called hysteria. She discovered that for centuries people like her were thought to be hysterical. Later Freud had developed an idea that physical symptoms could be caused by painful memories and emotions. People with M.E have frequently (and sometimes still are) been

given psychological explanations. In the past this was the same for epilepsy and multiple sclerosis.

Part three 9.20-10.05 and 11.06 -12.09

Complete

The US spends \$_____ per year per patient on Aids, \$_____ on MS and \$_____ on M.E.

Since the 1950's rates of autoimmune diseases have _____ to

_____ % of patients are initially told they are _____

_____ % of patients are _____

12.09 -14.27

Jennifer has hope because progress has been made in the diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy and MS. Some research is now being done into M.E and patients themselves are helping one another and sharing information and experiences.

Part four 14.27-end

Read the conclusion. Try to guess the missing words. Check by watching the video.

I came together with p_____ around the w_____ and we started to f_____. We have filled the v_____ with something w_____ but it is not e_____. I still don't know if I will ever be a_____ to r_____ again or walk any d_____ or do any of those k_____ things that I only do in my dreams. But I am so g_____ for how far I have come. P_____ is slow and it is _____ and down, but I am getting a little b_____ every day.

I remember what it was like, when I was s_____ in that bedroom, when it had been m_____ since I had seen the sun. I thought I would d_____ there. But here I am today with you and that is a m_____.