

## 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\_\_\_\_\_.