

Directions: Fill in the blanks.

Jose is 53 years old. A few months ago he had an acci\_\_\_\_. He had been working outside. He was building a small worksh\_\_\_ in his yard. He was carrying a load of lumber when he lost his balance. As he fell, Jose twisted his right knee. It hurt like crazy. He could not put any weight on his r\_\_\_\_\_ leg after that.

Jose had to stay off his leg for about thr\_\_\_ w\_\_\_ks. His wife got him a pair of crutches so he could get around.

After the accident, his kn\_\_\_ was never the same. When he went for a walk or did construction work, it always hurt. Sometimes his knee would sudden\_\_\_ give out on him.

Finally, after four months, he went to see a \_\_\_tor.

The doctor examined Jose's knee. "I think you may have torn a liga\_\_\_\_," she said. "We'll need to do an MRI to be sure."

"What is that?" asked Jose. "An x-ray?"

“It is similar, but an MRI gives us a really good picture of the soft tissue in the bo\_\_\_. The machine uses a powerful magnet and a computer,” she explained.

The doctor handed Jose a card. “Call this number as soon as you get home to set up your MRI appoint\_\_\_\_\_. The test is done at the hos\_\_\_tal.”

“O.K.,” said Jose.

“I am also going to refer you to an orthopedist, Dr. Hopedale. You can call his office in thr\_\_\_ days to set up an appointment.” She handed Jose another card.

“Who is this again?” asked Jose.

“Dr. Hopedale. He is an \_\_\_thopedist. An or\_\_\_pedist is a doctor who specializes in bones, joints and muscles. Dr. Hopedale is very good with knee \_\_\_jury cases.”

“So when will I get to s\_\_\_ him?” asked Jose.

“It will take a few days for his office to get the referral paperw\_\_\_\_. Call him three days from today to make an appointment. Your MRI results will be sent right to him. He will need them before he sees you. Usually they try to get you in a few days after your MRI.”

“O.K. What should I \_\_\_ in the meantime?” asked Jose.

“Good question. Stay off that leg as much as \_\_\_sible,” she said. “No heavy work or long walks. Just take it easy. And get that MRI a.s.a.p!”