

Directions: Fill in the blanks.

Deb is a college stu____. She is studying to be a teacher. Deb woke up on Satur____ with a dull ache in her back. She thought, “I wonder what I did to hurt my back? Maybe I overdid it in yoga class yes____day.”

The p____ was on the right side. All day long it hurt. Even when she lay down, it did not go away. She took Advil. That helped a little, but not for long.

That night the pain g____ worse. The dull ache became a throb. Deb could not sleep at all. By Sun____ morning, her back hurt so much she could hardly walk. She felt weak and very tired. She was sweating a lot.

Deb asked her _____mate to drive her to the college Urgent Care Clinic. At the clinic, she saw a nurse practitioner named Tom.

“What brings you here to____?” asked Tom.

“I hurt my b____,” said Deb.

“How did you do that?” asked Tom.

“I’m not sure. Maybe it was in yoga class on Thursday.”

“When did the p___ start?” asked Tom.

“Yester___ morning. I had it when I woke up,” said Deb.

Tom said, “Show me where it hurts.”

Deb cupped her hand on her lower right back. “Here, and it comes up and around to my ___ide, too.”

“Tell me more about the pain,” said Tom.

“Well, it started out just a dull ache ___terday. But last night it started to throb. It never goes away, even when I lie down. It’s so bad I couldn’t sleep at all last night.”

“Did you t___ anything for it?” asked Tom.

“Yes, some Advil. But it hardly helped at all.”

“Have you had this be___?” asked Tom.

“No,” said Deb, “never like this.”

“Do you have any other symptoms?” asked Tom.

“Well, today I f___l weak. I can hardly walk.”

“How about a fever?” asked Tom.

“I don’t know,” said Deb. “I was sweating a lot last night.” Tom took her ____perature. Deb did have a ____ver.

Tom asked, “Do you have any pain when you go to the bath____? Have you noticed any change in your urine?”

Deb felt embarrassed. For the past few days she had felt a little burning when she went to the ____room. Her urine looked cloudy. It had a bad smell. She told Tom all of this.

Then Tom examined Deb. He pressed his fingers gently in different places on her back and tummy. One spot was very, very sore when he touched it.

“OK, Deb. I n____d you to give a urine sample now,” said Tom.

“You mean I have to pee in a jar?” asked Deb. “How come?”

“Good question. You see, I don’t think you hurt your back in yoga, Deb. It’s a g____ thing you told me about

ALL of your symptoms. I think you might have a kidney infection.”

“A kidney ___fection?” cried Deb.

“Yes. And it can be a serious thing if not treated right away,” said Tom.

The urine test confirmed it. Deb did have a ___ney infection.

“It’s a g___ thing you didn’t wait any longer to come in,” said Tom. “We’ll start you on antibiotics right away.”