

Directions: Fill in the blanks.

Sou Ling is 46. He grew ____ in China. He has been in the U.S. for ten years.

Sou Ling went to see a doctor because he was having a ____oblem. Sometimes he had a sharp pain in his lower left belly. Sometimes after he went to the bathroom there was blood on the toilet paper.

Dr. Lee examined Sou Ling. He told him he needed to have a colonoscopy. The doctor said, "I would like you to have a colonoscopy a w____k from this Friday, at 8:00 in the morning. The test is done at the hos____tal."

"Why do I have to go into the hospital?" asked Sou Ling. He sounded afraid. He didn't like ____pitals.

"Don't worry," said Dr. Lee. "This is a tes_ we do all the time. You will only be at the hospi_____ for a few hours."

"What kind of _est is it? Do they take my blood?"

"No," said Dr. Lee. "I want to see what is causing your bleeding and pain. In this test, they will put a

long, thin tube inside you. The tub__ has a tiny light and a tiny camera lens on the end. The t____ can go way up inside your colon. As it goes, we can look around at the ___side of your colon. We watch it on a TV screen.”

Sou Ling did not understand. “Dr. Lee, my English is not very __ood. Can you please tell me again?”

This time Dr. Lee got a picture. It was a drawing of what a colon looks like ___side a person. On the picture he drew a line to show where the tube with the tiny light and camera would go. He showed how the tube was connected to a TV screen.

“Oh, now I see,” said Sou Ling. Then he looked afraid again. “This will hurt a lot. You will put me to sl__p, right?”

“No,” said Dr. Lee. “It is not painful, just a little uncomfortable. They will give you some medicine to re___ you. But you need to have someone drive you home from the hospital, because the medicine will make you a little sleep__. Can you bring someone to drive you h_____?”

“Yes,” said Sou Ling, “my son can ___ive me. He is 16 now.”

“Good,” said Dr. Lee. “It’s set for 8:00 a.m. on Friday the 12th. You need to get to the hospital at 7:00 a.m.

Now, there are some important things you n__d to do to get ready for this test.”

Dr. Lee handed Sou Ling two papers. “It is very important to follow all of the ___structions on these pages so we don’t have to do the test over. Can you read English OK?”

“Yes, I can read a little. But sometimes I don’t under_____ everything. I have to get my son to help me,” said Sou Ling. “But I don’t want my son to worry.”

“O.K.,” said Dr. Lee, “I am going to ask my nurse to go over these instruc_____ with you. She can help you put it all down on a calendar to make it easy to remember the steps. If you still don’t un___stand, we can call an interpreter for you.”

“Thank you Dr. Lee,” said Sou Ling.