

## Activities to do **BEFORE** you listen to the podcast

### A Match the words or phrases to their definitions

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| 1. appreciate       | a. nervous, not relaxed   |
| 2. treat            | b. (of a person) treated very well or too well                                      |
| 3. spoiled          | c. relating to the work of someone who is available at any time when needed         |
| 4. vascular disease | d. to behave towards someone or deal with something in a particular way             |
| 5. admit            | e. to officially give permission for a person/company to join a large organization  |
| 6. on edge          | f. to be grateful for something   |
| 7. down-to-earth    | g. a disease affecting the blood vessels (= tubes that carry blood around the body) |
| 8. on-call          | h. practical and direct in dealing with people                                      |

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### B Do the quiz about Talal's life. Circle the correct answer.

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| <p><b>1. What's Talal's favourite food?</b></p> <p>a. praženica (scrambled eggs)</p> <p>b. langoš</p> <p>c. bryndzové halušky</p>                                   | <p>b. The Rule for a Happy Life</p> <p>c. The 8-8-8 rule</p>   | <p><b>8. Which of these sentences is true?</b></p> <p>a. he didn't finish university with a red diploma</p> <p>b. he started working in Bratislava in 2020</p> <p>c. he became an official translator for the government during his studies</p> |
| <p><b>2. How many children does he have?</b></p> <p>a. 2, a younger daughter and an older son</p> <p>b. 2, an older daughter and a younger son</p> <p>c. 2 sons</p> | <p><b>5. Which of these cities hasn't he worked in?</b></p> <p>a. Minsk (Belarus)</p> <p>b. Dunajská Streda (Slovakia)</p> <p>c. Moscow (Russia)</p>   | <p><b>9. What didn't he mention as one of his hobbies?</b></p> <p>a. running</p> <p>b. hiking</p> <p>c. playing football</p>  |
| <p><b>3. Which languages can he speak?</b></p> <p>a. English, Slovak, Russian, Ukrainian</p> <p>b. Arabic, English, Chinese</p> <p>c. English, Slovak, Spanish</p>  | <p><b>6. Why did Talal decide not to work in Canada?</b></p> <p>a. he couldn't get a Canadian license</p> <p>b. they didn't give him the medical specialty he wanted</p> <p>c. he didn't like it there</p> | <p><b>10. What was his friend's name who persuaded him to come to Slovakia?</b></p> <p>a. Alexander</p> <p>b. Vladimír</p> <p>c. Lucas</p>  |
| <p><b>4. What's the name of the rule that balances work, relax and sleep?</b></p> <p>a. The Harmony Rule</p>  | <p><b>7. What happened to Talal on his first date with his wife?</b></p> <p>a. he left her in his office and forgot about her</p> <p>b. he left his wallet at home</p> <p>c. he met his ex-girlfriend</p>  |   |

### C Think of some challenges that doctors might face on a daily basis.

#### KEY

**A:** 1-f, 2-d, 3-b, 4-g, 5-e, 6-a, 7-h, 8-c

**B:** 1-b, 2-b, 3-a, 4-c, 5-c, 6-b, 7-a, 8-c, 9-b, 10-a

**C:** on-call duties, lack of patients' trust, Continuing Professional Development (CPD), more responsibility than other professions, treating patients with chronic conditions

