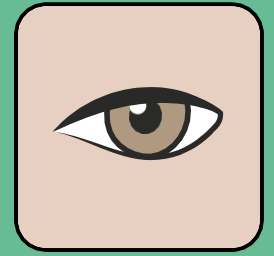
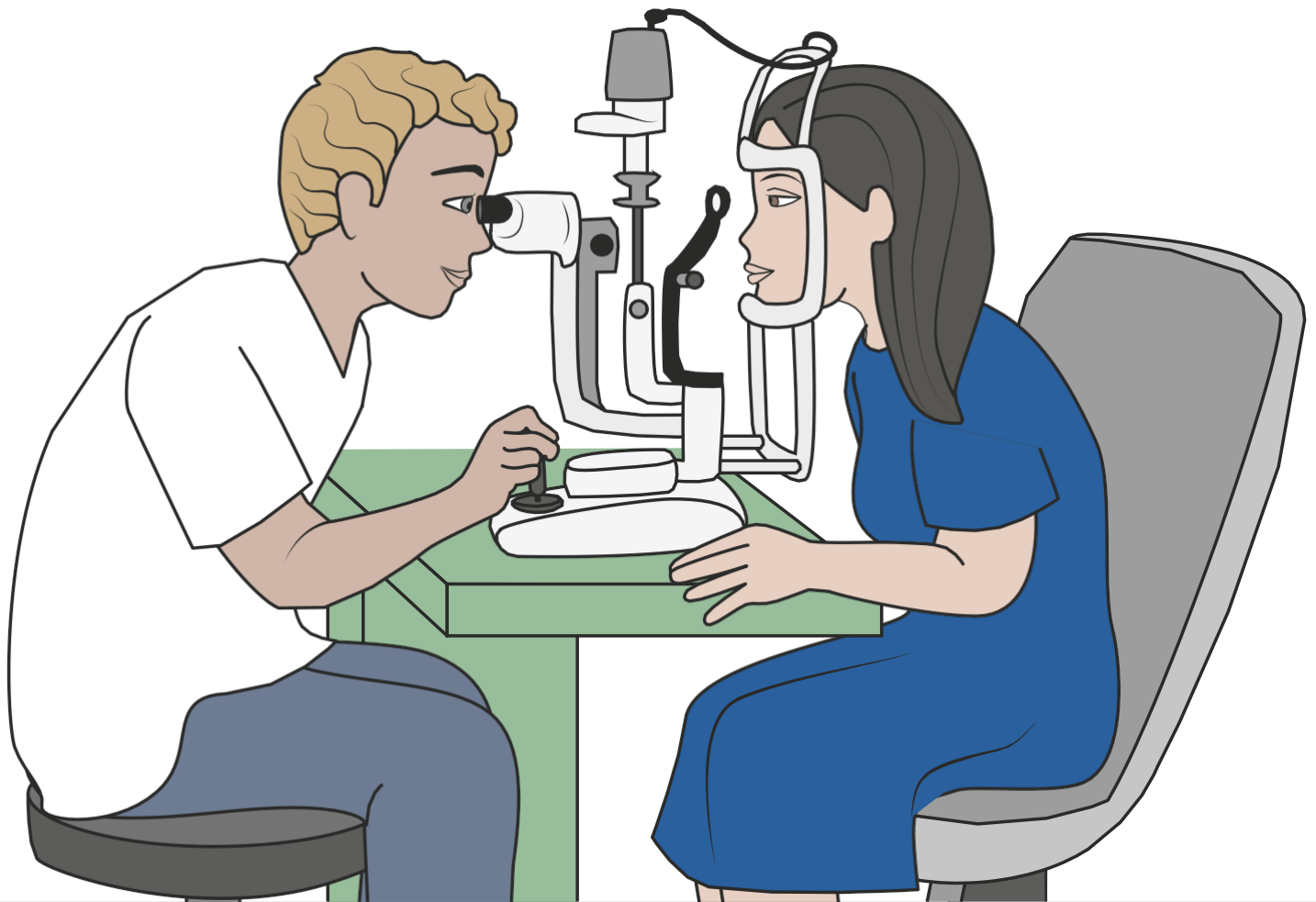


The Ophthalmologist

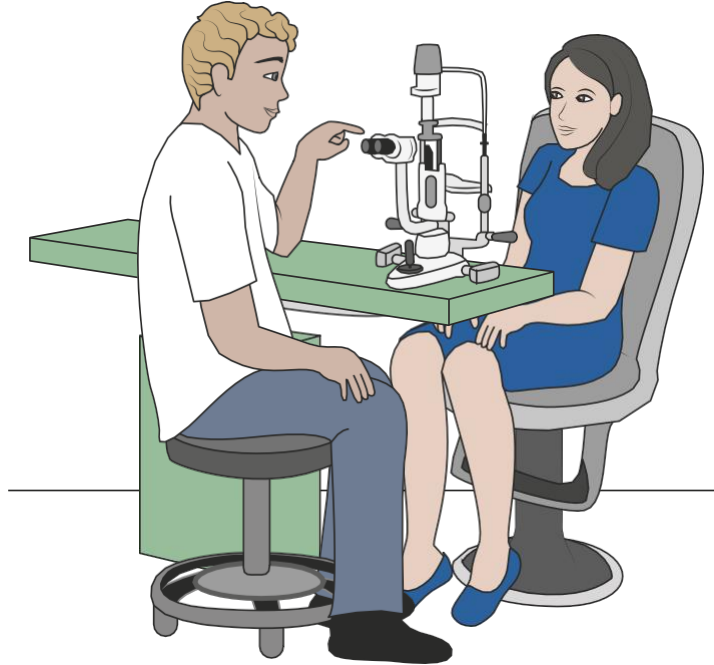


Do I have a problem with my eyes?



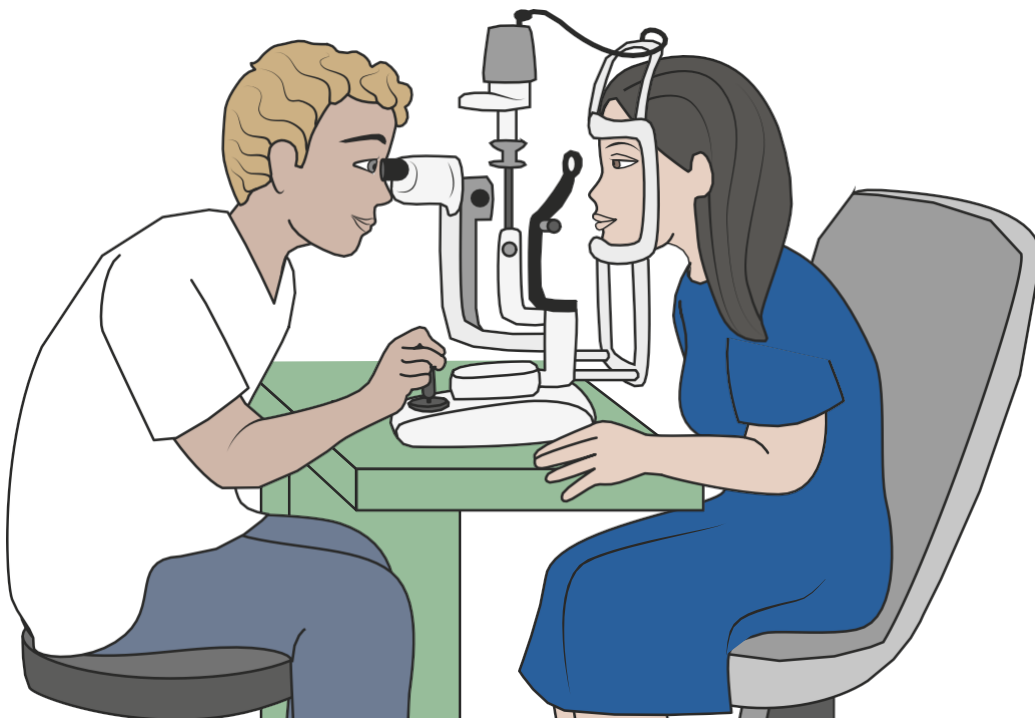
The ophthalmologist examines my eyes with a machine.

I sit in front of the machine.

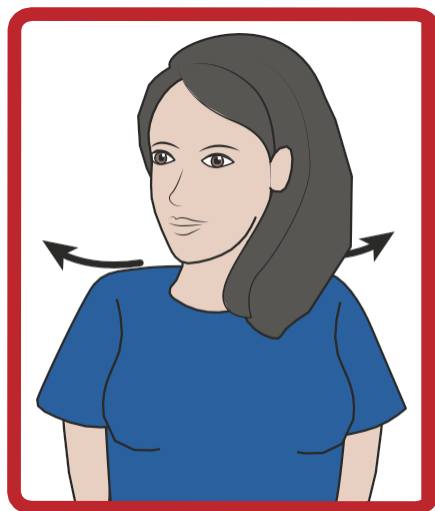


I always sit the same way for every kind of machine:

- I lean forward.
- I rest my chin on the machine.
- I press my forehead gently against the machine.
- I look straight in front of me.



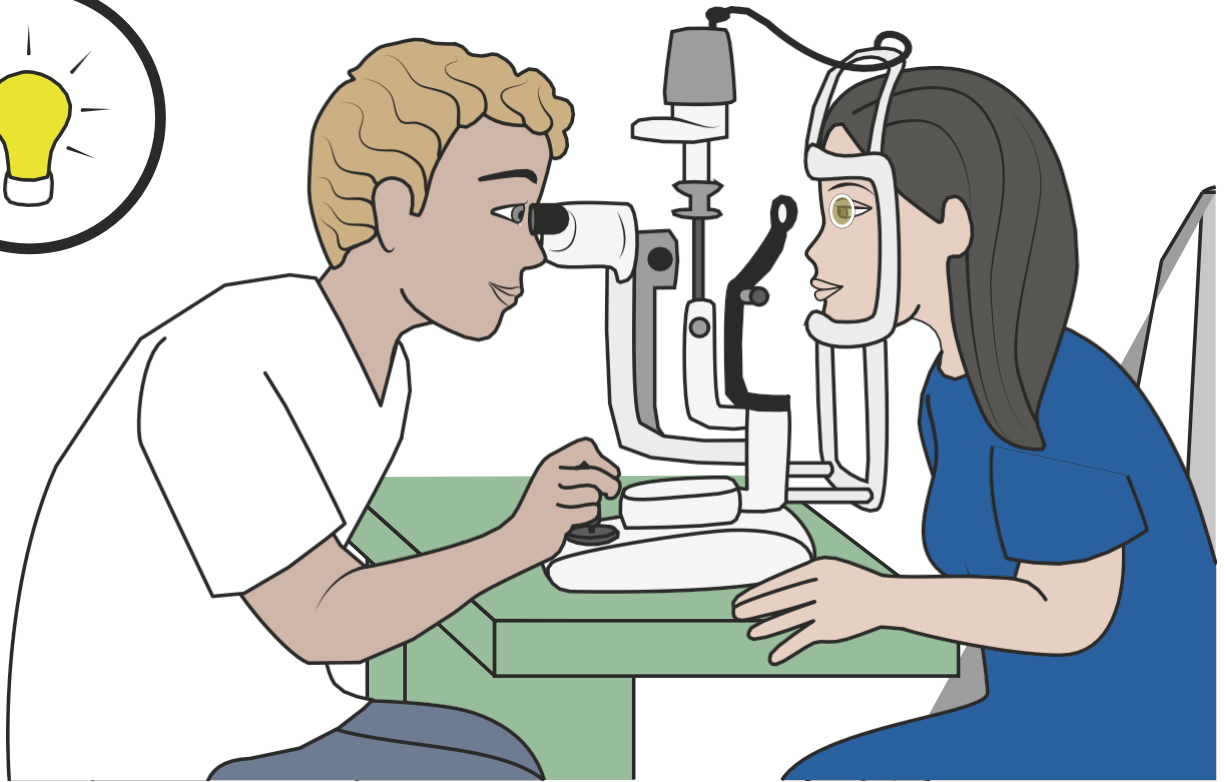
- I must keep my head still.



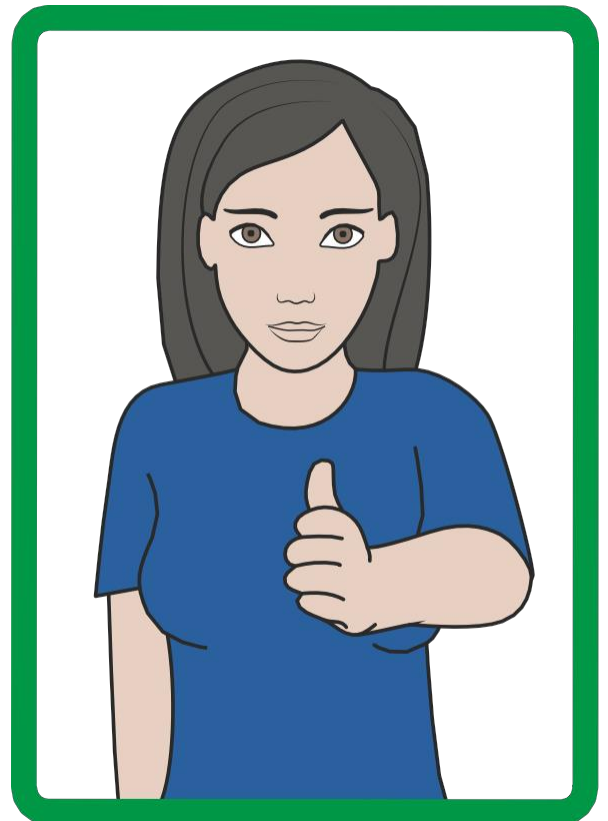
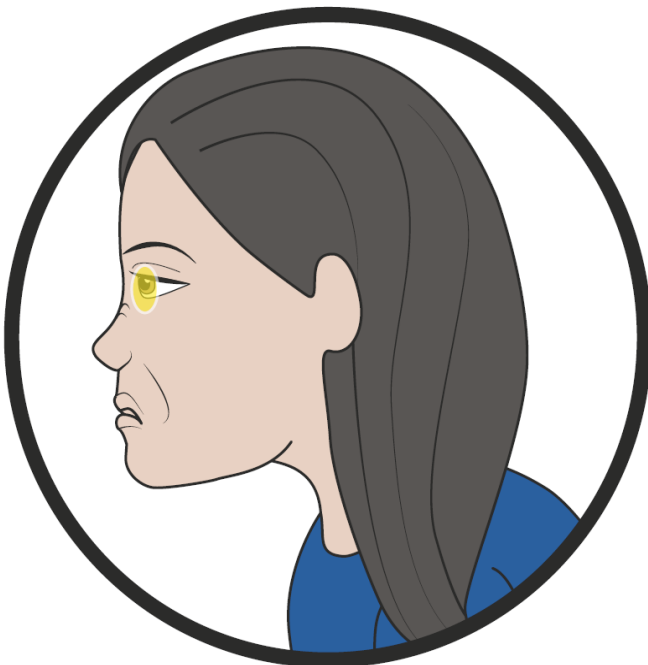
- The person who accompanies me can help me.



The ophthalmologist looks at my eyes with a bright light.



● **The light can be uncomfortable, but it doesn't hurt.**

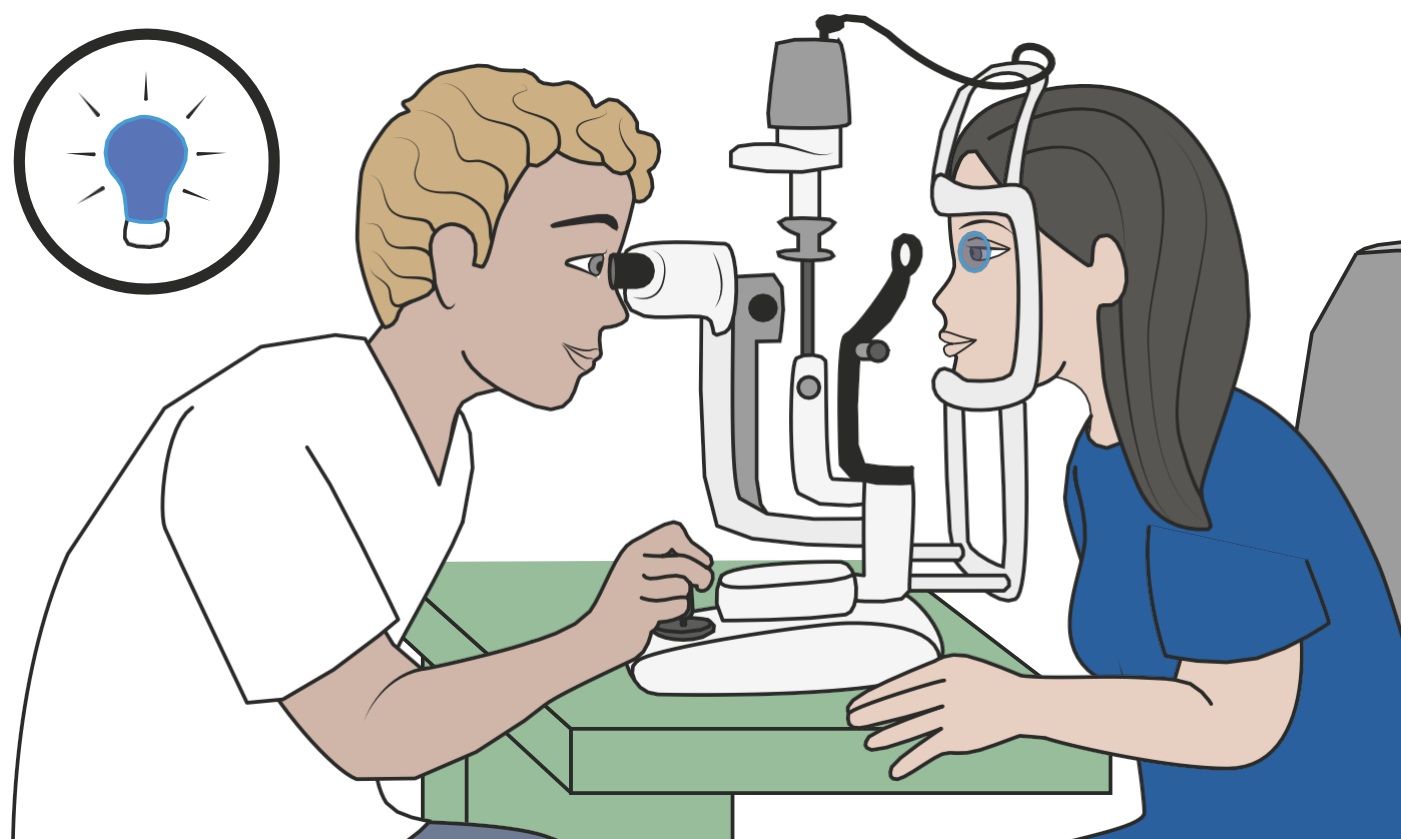


Sometimes the ophthalmologist puts orange coloured eyedrops in my eyes.

See the factsheet "I need to put eyedrops in my eyes".



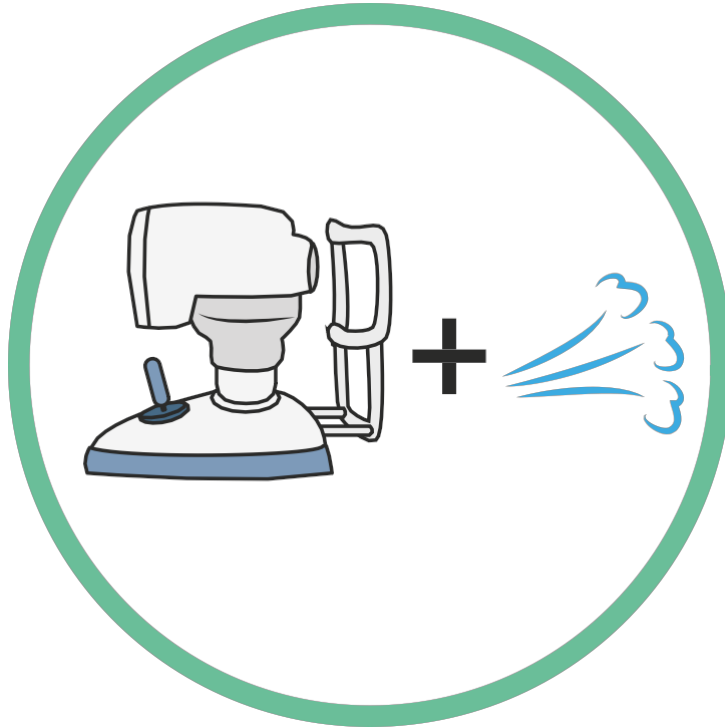
The ophthalmologist looks at my eyes again with a blue light.



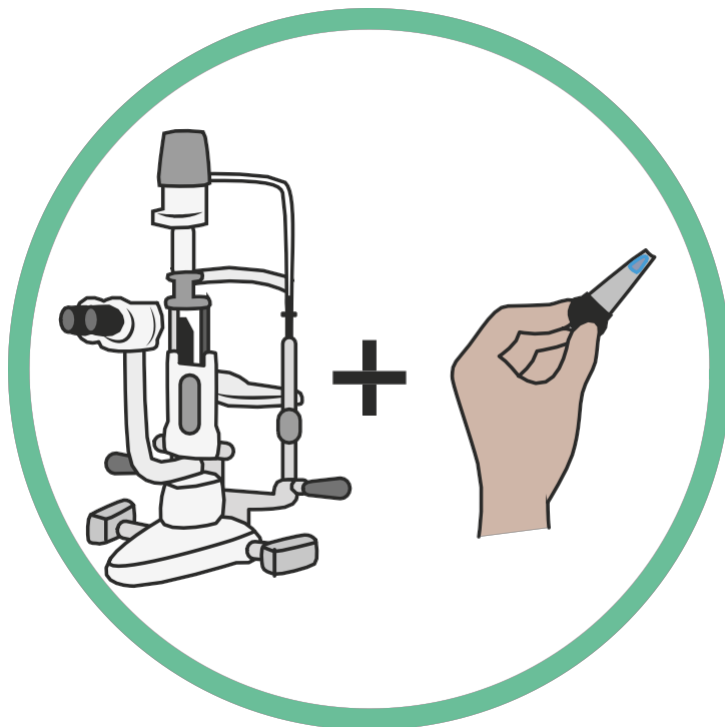
The ophthalmologist measures the pressure inside my eyes.

To measure the pressure, the ophthalmologist might use:

- A machine that blows air.



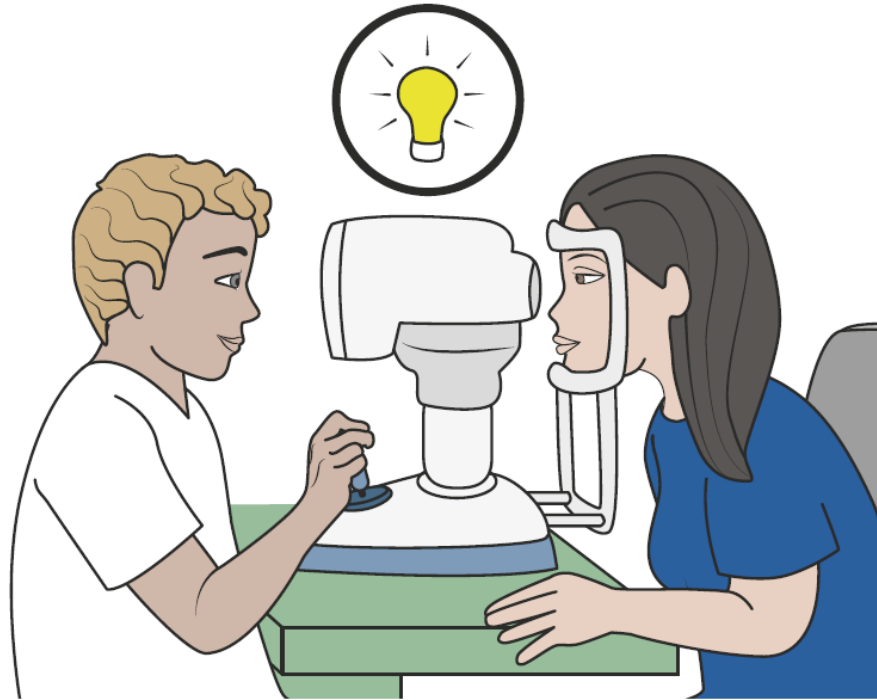
- Or a machine and a cone.



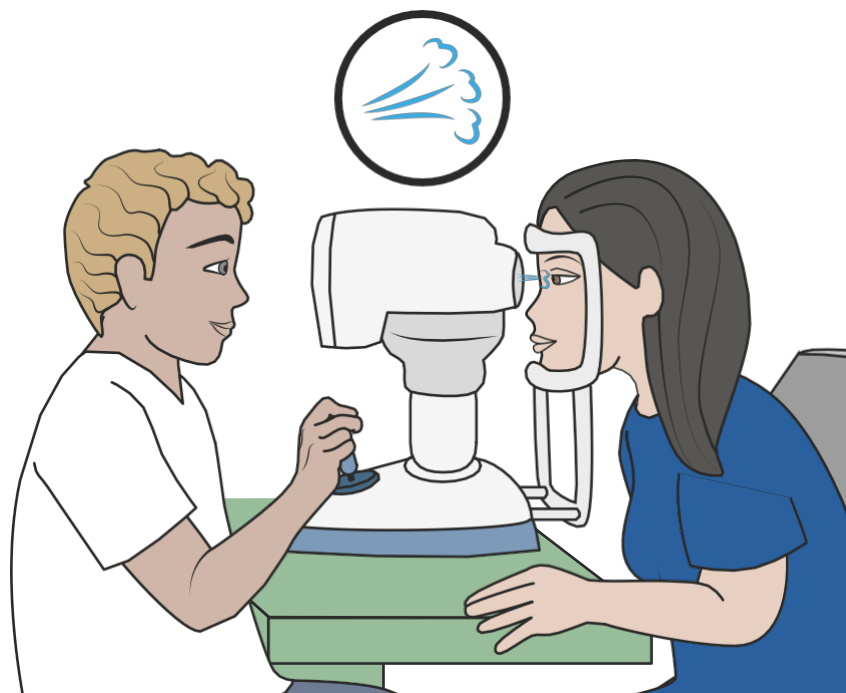
If the ophthalmologist uses a machine that blows air.



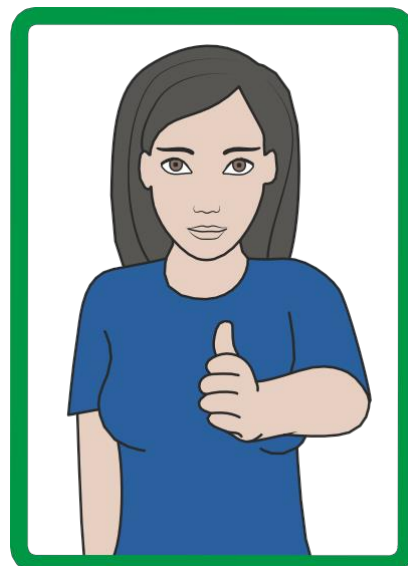
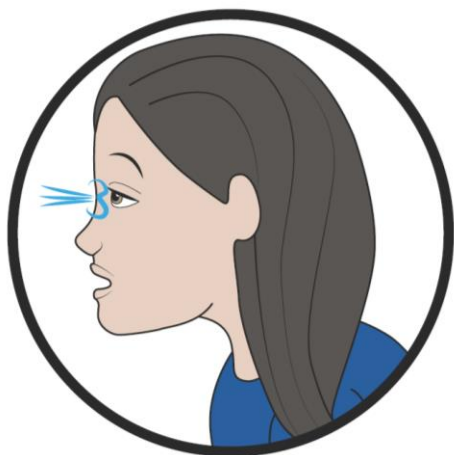
- **I see a small light: I open my eyes wide.**



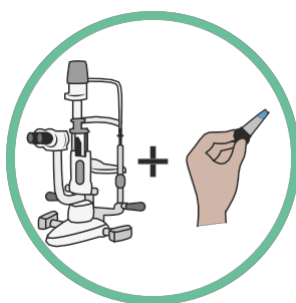
- **The machine sends a small puff of air into my eye, then into my other eye.**



- It might be a surprise, but it doesn't hurt.



If the ophthalmologist uses a machine with a small cone.

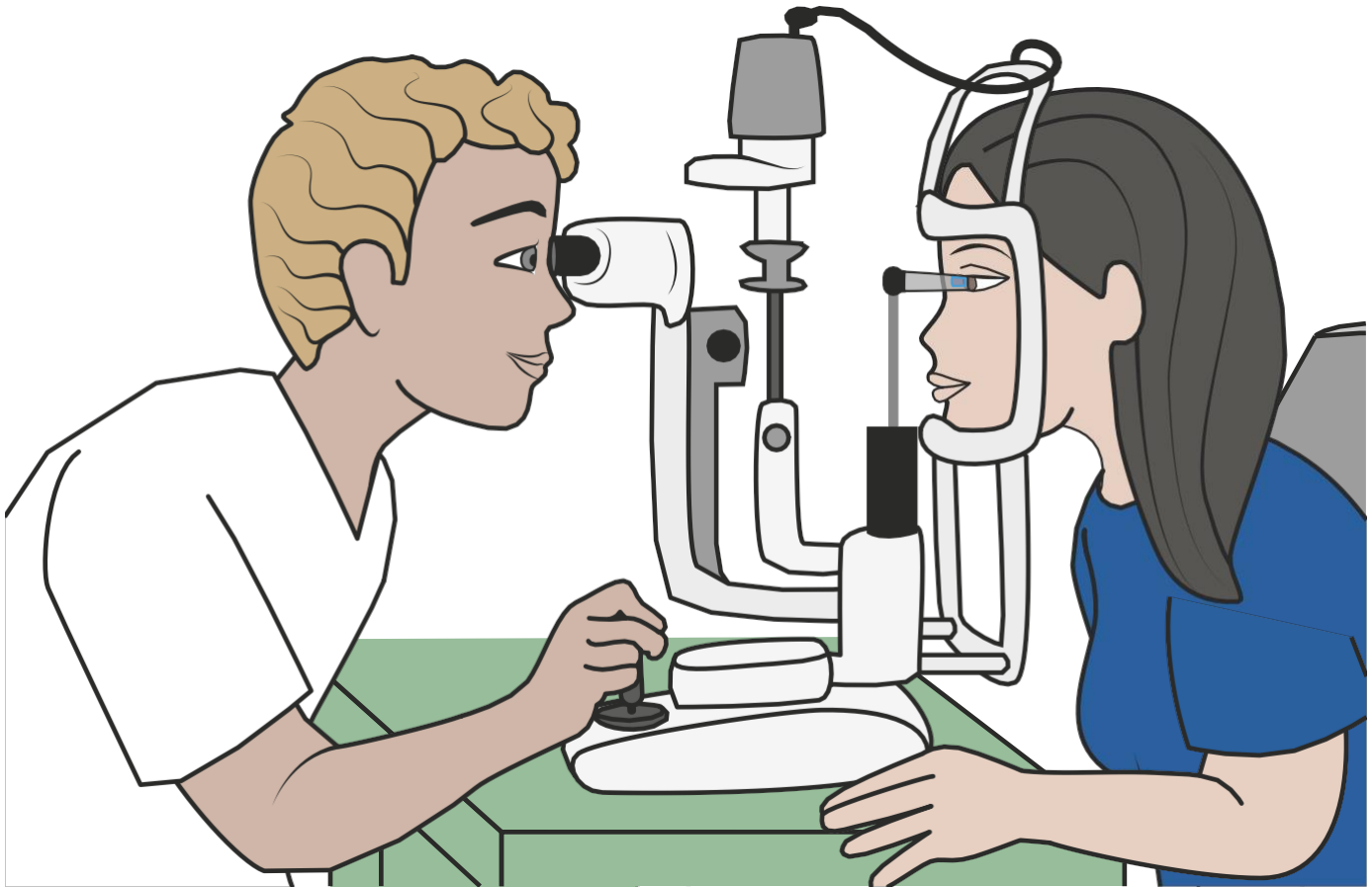


He puts eyedrops into my eyes.

See the factsheet "I need to put eyedrops in my eyes".

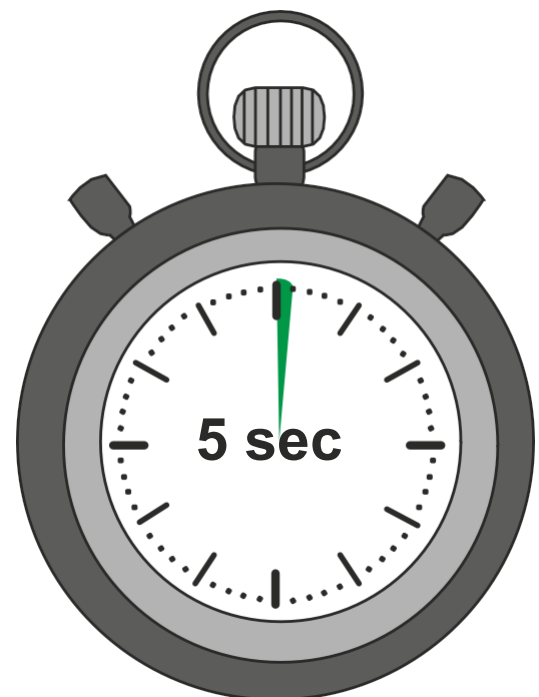


- He moves the small cone so it touches my eye.



- It is not nice.

- But it is very quick.
I count to 5.



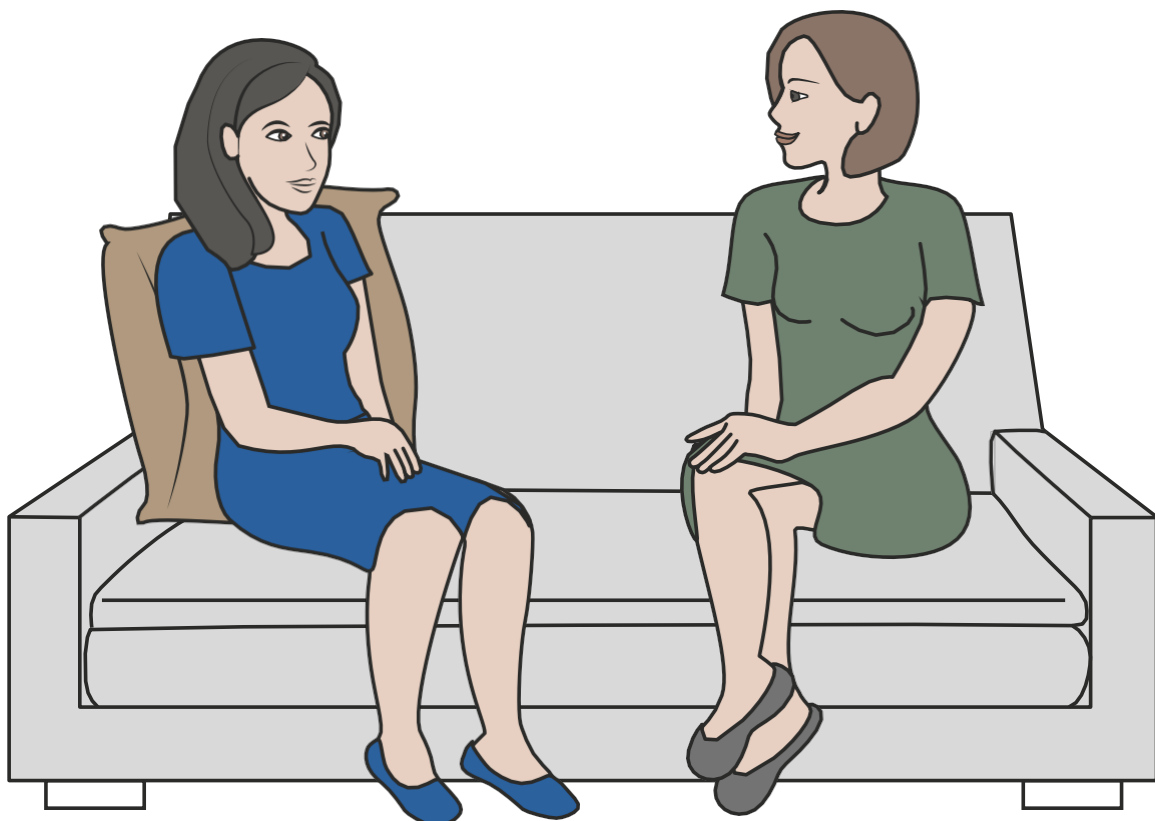
The ophthalmologist looks at the back of my eye.

To see the back of my eye, the ophthalmologist puts eyedrops in my eye.

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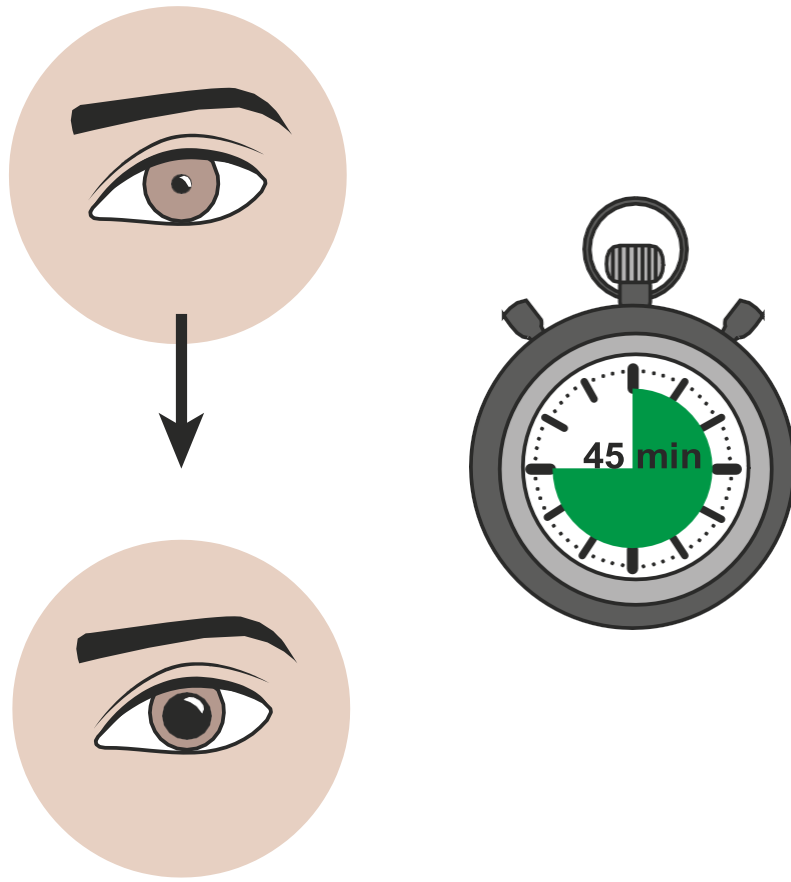


● I go to the waiting room.



- **The drops make my pupils bigger.**

The pupil is the black circle in the middle of my eye.



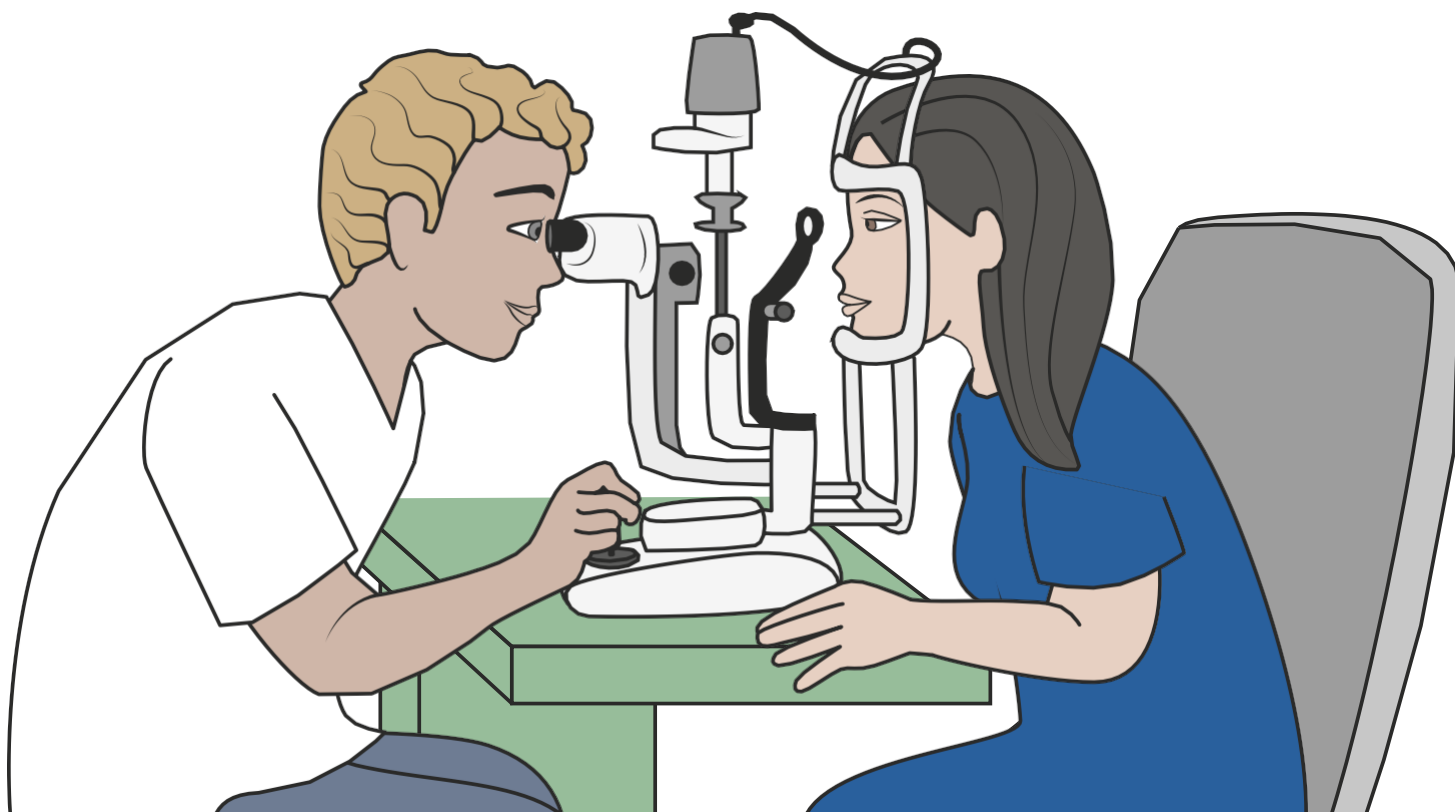
- **When my pupil is big, I see things blurry.**



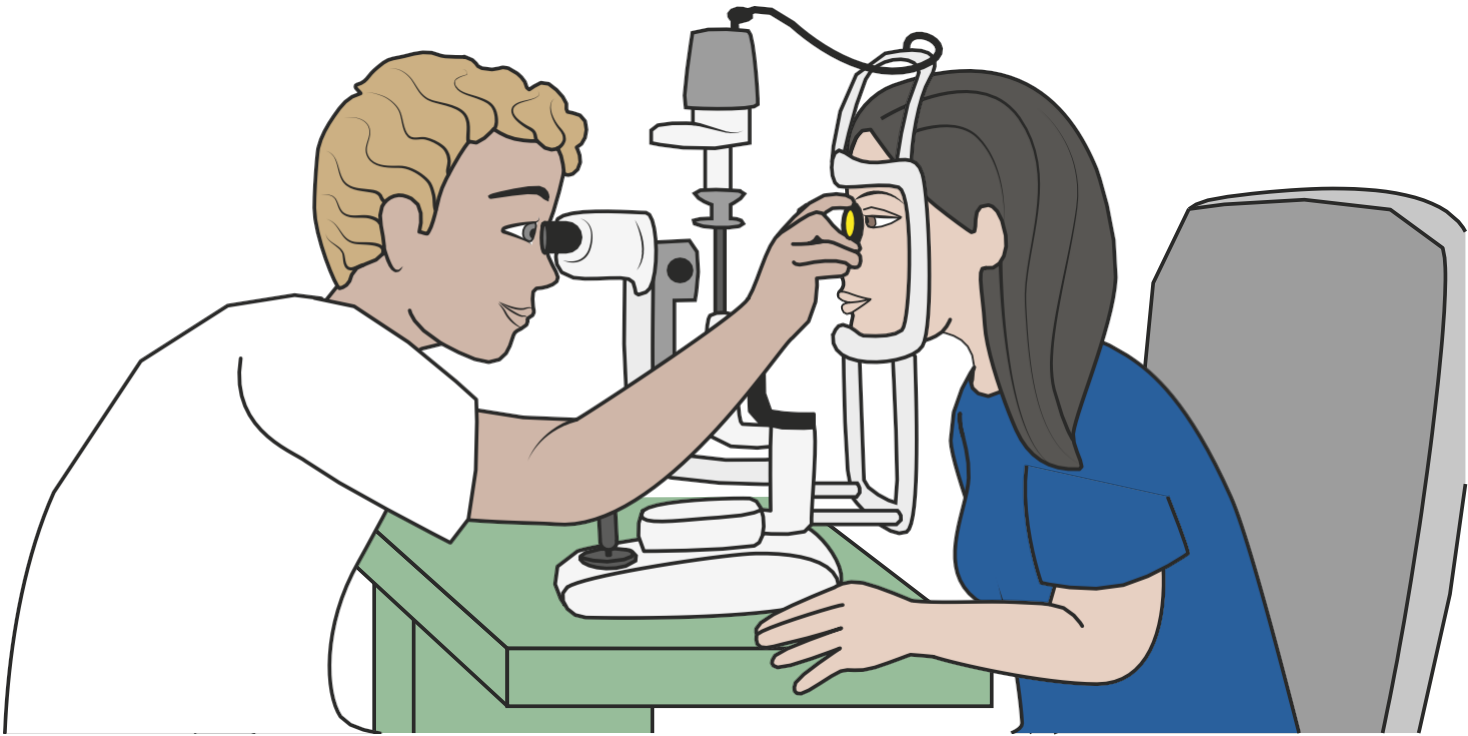
- Once my pupil is big, the ophthalmologist comes to see me.



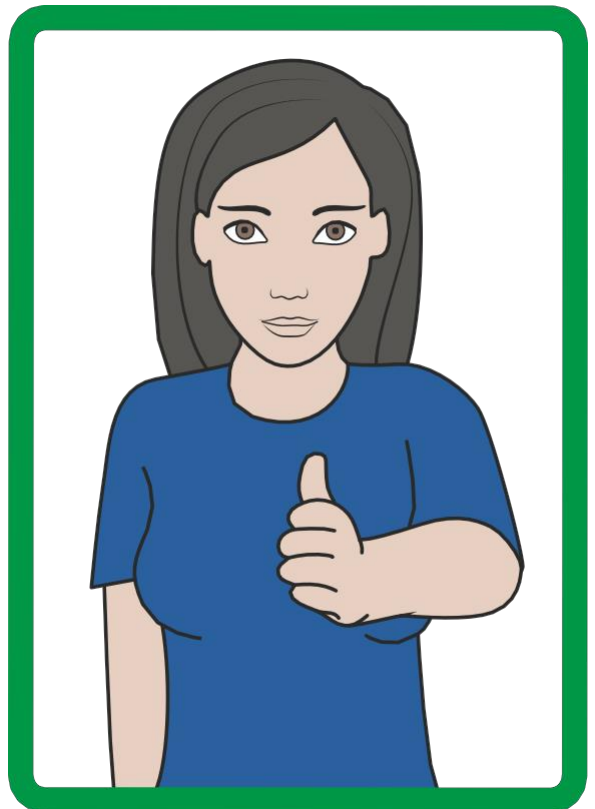
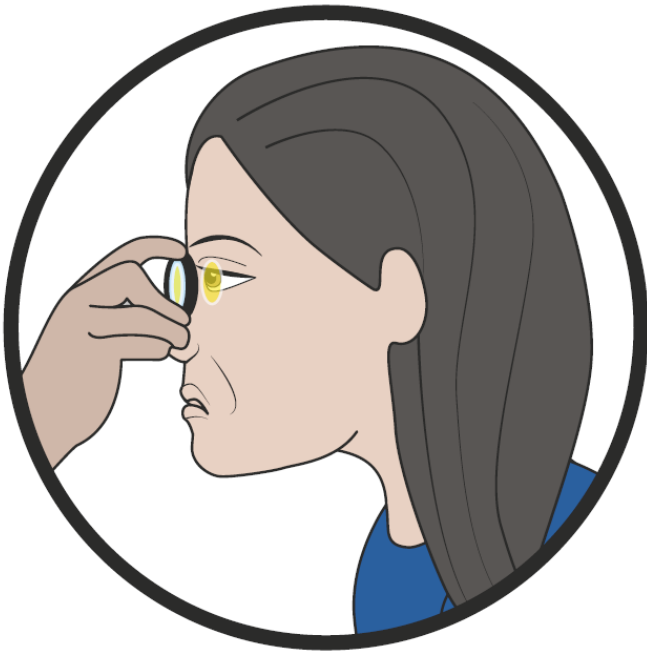
- I sit in front of the machine.



- **The ophthalmologist puts a small lens in front of my eye.**
I keep my eyes wide open.

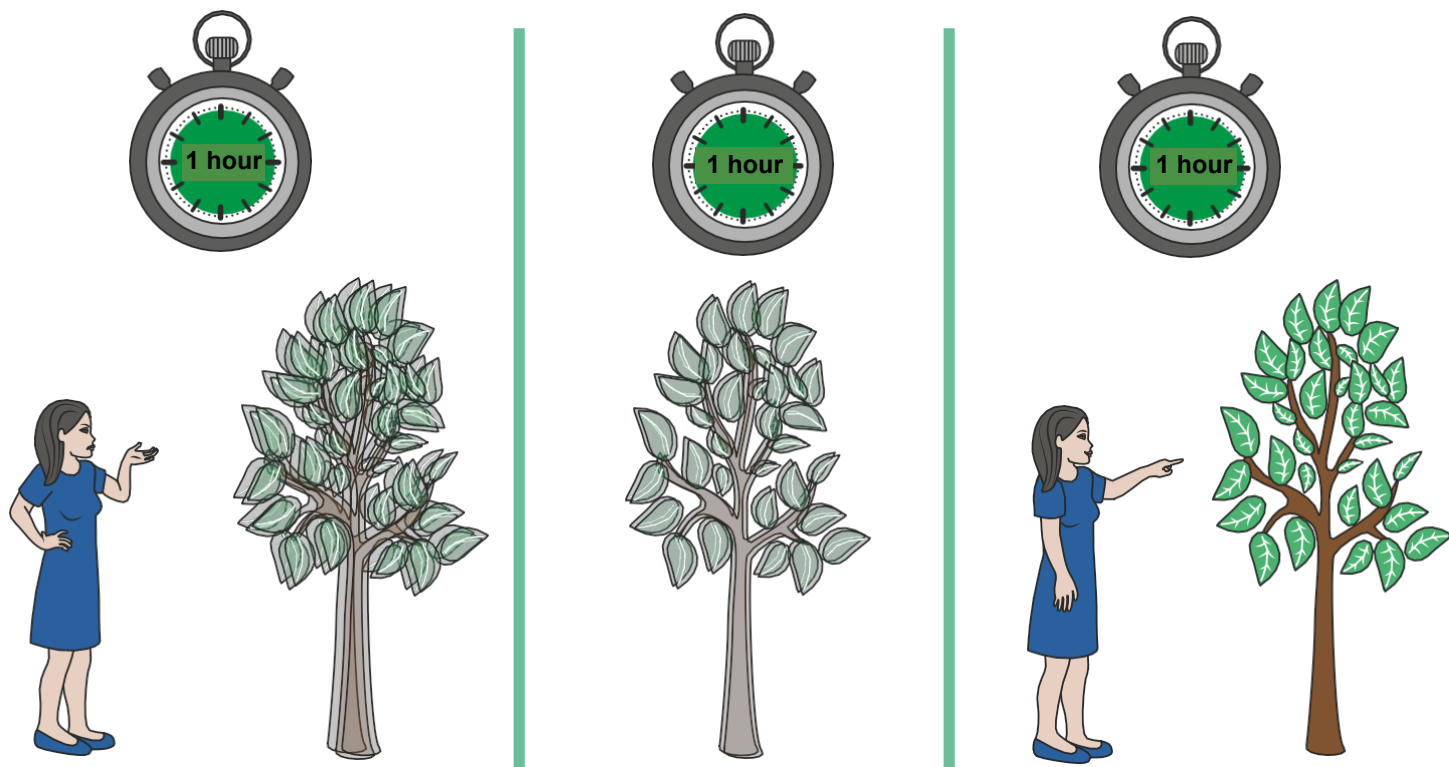


- **The light can be uncomfortable.**
But it doesn't hurt.



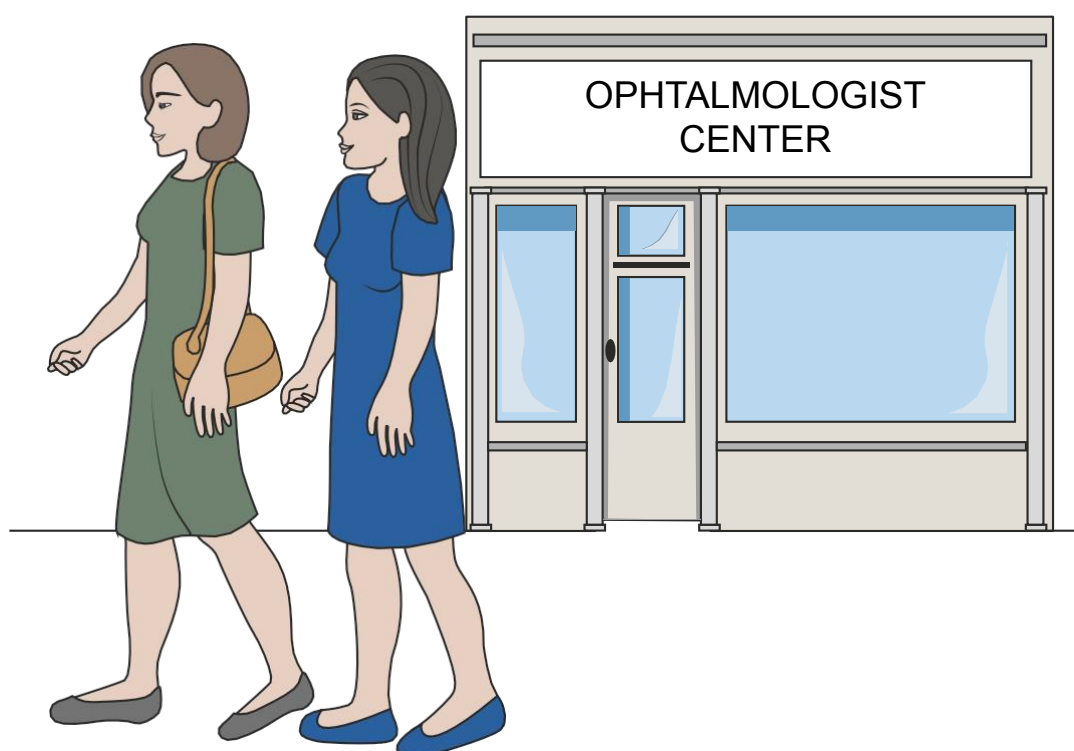
After the examination, I still see things blurry.

- **After a few hours my eyesight returns to normal.**



- **I need to be accompanied to help me go home.**

- **I must not drive.**



If I have a problem with my eyes...

The ophthalmologist can write me a prescription for:

Eyedrops.



An operation.



Medical examinations.



Or other eye tests.



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