

Analysis of technical (scientific) texts: patient information leaflets

Read and analyse the two texts. You may consider aspects such as register/modality/politeness/hedging/enumerating/hypotheses/graphology and others. Do the two texts employ examples of figurative language? Why? Why not? Can you find examples of collocation?

Consider and comment on the author-reader relationship in the two texts (idea of genre/informative texts).

Choose one or two paragraphs from the texts and rewrite them by using a) figurative language b) a different register

Paracetamol 500 mg Capsules

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you take this medicine because it contains important information you need to know.

This medicine is available without prescription, however, you still need to use this product carefully to get the best results from it. Keep this leaflet as you may need to read it again. Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.

1. What is this medicine and what is it used for?

This medicine contains:

- **paracetamol** which is a pain reliever (analgesic) and helps reduce your temperature when you have a fever.

These capsules are for the relief of mild to moderate pain including headache, migraine, toothache, nerve pain, sore throat and period pains. They are also for the symptomatic relief of sprains and strains, rheumatic pains, sciatica, lumbago, fibrositis, muscular aches and pains, joint swelling and stiffness, flu, feverishness and feverish colds.

2. Is this medicine suitable for you?

Do not take this medicine if you:

- are **allergic** to paracetamol or any of the other ingredients.

Please see your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine if you:

- are pregnant or breastfeeding

- suffer from kidney or liver problems, including alcoholic liver disease
- are alcohol dependent.

If you are taking any of the following medicines please see your doctor:

- medicines to treat high cholesterol levels which reduce the amount of fat in the blood such as colestyramine
- medicines to control feeling sick or being sick such as metoclopramide or domperidone
- carbamazepine, a medicine used to treat epilepsy and bipolar disorder
- medicines called anti-coagulants, which are used to thin the blood such as warfarin or other coumarins - you may take occasional doses of paracetamol but should consult your doctor if you need to take it on a regular basis.

Contains paracetamol.

Do not take anything else containing paracetamol while taking this medicine.

3. How to take this medicine

Swallow the capsules whole with water. Do not chew.

Adults, the elderly and children over 12

years: 2 capsules every 4 hours as required.

Do not take more than 4 doses (8 capsules) in any 24 hour period. Do not take more often than every 4 hours.

Do not give to children under 12 years.

Please turn over →



What you should know about Beechams Flu-Plus Hot Berry Fruits

Please read this leaflet carefully before you start to take your medicine, especially the section headed "check before you take this medicine". This leaflet provides information available on your medicine. If you have any questions or are not sure about anything, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

What is in the pack?
Beechams Flu-Plus Hot Berry Fruits
Each sachet contains 7.6 g powder. Five or ten sachets are contained in a box.

What is in Beechams Flu-Plus Hot Berry Fruits?
Each 7.6 g powder contains Paracetamol Ph Eur 1000 mg, Ascorbic Acid 60 mg and Phenylephrine Hydrochloride Ph Eur 10 mg as the active ingredients. The powder also contains sucrose, tartaric acid, sodium citrate anhydrous, aspartame, berry fruit flavour (containing menthol) and colours (carmoisine (E122), sunset yellow (E110), green S (E142) with sodium chloride and sodium sulphate).

How does Beechams Flu-Plus Hot Berry Fruits work?
Paracetamol is an analgesic (a pain killer) and antipyretic (it reduces body temperature when you have a fever). It is

Who makes Beechams Flu-Plus Hot Berry Fruits?
The product licence holder is:
GSK Consumer Healthcare,
Brentford, TW8 9GS, U.K.

and all enquiries should be sent to this address.
Manufactured on behalf of GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare by:
SmithKline Beecham SA, Ctra. de Ajalvir, Km 2500
28806 Alcala de Henares, Madrid, Spain.

What is Beechams Flu-Plus Hot Berry Fruits for?
Beechams Flu-Plus Hot Berry Fruits is a product for the short term relief of the symptoms of influenza (flu), colds and chills. These symptoms include headache, feverishness, aches and pains, congested or blocked nose, painful sinuses and sore throat pain.

Check before you take this medicine
IMPORTANT:
Remember: Beechams Flu-Plus Hot Berry Fruits contains paracetamol. Do not take with any other paracetamol-containing products. Beechams Flu-Plus Hot Berry Fruits contains a decongestant, do not take with other products for the relief of flu, colds or congestion.
Contains a source of phenylalanine.

Do not take Beechams Flu-Plus Hot Berry Fruits if:

- you are allergic to paracetamol, ascorbic acid, phenylephrine hydrochloride or any of the other ingredients listed above. Colours E122 and E110 can cause allergic type reactions including asthma. Allergy is more common in those people allergic to aspirin.
- you have kidney or liver problems, overactive thyroid, diabetes or are under the care of your doctor for high blood pressure or heart disease.
- you suffer from inherited sugar absorption problems. Each sachet contains 5.5 g of sucrose (sugar).