

In and around the hospital

Look at these pieces of equipment. Do you know, or can you guess, what they are for?

Label the pictures

AN ECG MACHINE

AN EXERCISE MACHINE

NEUROLOGICAL PINWHEEL

A BONE PLATE

PAEDIATRIC SPOON

A MICROSCOPE

A DERMABRADER

A SCALPEL

AN X-RAY MACHINE

A DIALYSIS MACHINE

A CENTRIFUGE

SCALES



A



E



I



B



F



J



G



K



C



H



L

Choose the correct option

1. _____ is for weighing substances.
2. _____ is for building strength after injury.
3. _____ is for fixing a broken bone.
4. _____ is for monitoring the heart.

5. _____ is for testing for sensations in nerves.
6. _____ is a special spoon for children to grip.
7. _____ is for performing surgery.
8. _____ is for taking a photo of bones
9. _____ is for examining tissues, samples, etc., very closely.
10. _____ is for separating substances by spinning them.
11. _____ is for removing damaged skin.
12. _____ is for cleaning the blood when the kidneys don't work.

Hospital departments

Which of the departments shown opposite...

1. dispenses medicine? E
2. treats kidney diseases?
3. specializes in pregnancy and birth?
4. studies illnesses and analysis samples?
5. treats diseases of the skin?
6. performs operations on patients?
7. deigns special exercises for patients?
8. studies blood disorders?
9. treats bones?
10. specializes in the heart?
11. deals with sick children?
12. treats disorders of the nervous system?

Pathology	→	a
←	Cardiology	b
←	Physiotherapy	c
←	Renal Unit	d
←	Pharmacy	e
	Orthopaedics	→
	Neurology	→
	Paediatrics	→
↑	Dermatology	i
↑	Haematology	j
↑	Obstetrics	k
←	Surgery	l

Language spot: Prepositions of place and movement.

1. The toilets are _____ the ground floor, next to reception.
2. I always keep a pen _____ my pocket.
3. Press the button _____ your bed if you need a nurse.
4. I'll put your bag _____ your bed, out of the way.
5. The restaurant's _____ the top of the building so take the lift.
6. Receptionist is _____ the main entrance, _____ the left.
7. See that door over there? The car park is just _____.
8. He's _____ Ward 3, _____ the end of this corridor.
9. Walk _____ reception, and take the lift to the third floor.
10. Go _____ this corridor, and it's the third door on the left.
11. If you go _____ the swing doors, you'll see the waiting room.
12. The toilets are _____ of the stairs.
13. Physiotherapy is _____ this department, so just go _____ the corridor.
14. Go _____ the restaurant, take the stairs _____ the second floor, and the ward is _____ the lift.



Directions

Listening 1

Directions

- 1 Listen to these people giving directions. Look at the picture on p. 4 and p.5 at the same time. Match each dialogue with a picture.

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____



- 2 Listen again. Where is the person giving directions to?

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

- 3 Try to fill in the missing words. Then listen again to check.

1 _____ out of here and the door you want is just opposite.

2 So it's _____ outside _____?

3 Go _____ the hospital _____ these swing doors.

4 ... _____ the first right, and it's the second door _____.

5 ... take the second left and go _____ along that corridor.

Think about the things a hospital porter does. Then read the article about William O'Neill

William O'Neill

I'm the Head Porter in this hospital. What do I do? Well, I run the place.

Porters do more than just push food trolleys around the hospital. We transport patients by wheelchair or stretcher from the wards to Radiology or Physiotherapy and back again. We remove dead bodies to the mortuary, we lift and carry heavy equipment and furniture, and we dispose of all the waste. Each hospital bed produces 4.5 kilos of waste every day. We collect it each day and take it away for recycling.

We deliver the post all over the hospital and bring letters for patients – that's a very important thing. As we move around the place, we take files, samples, and specimens from here to there and back again. Last year I walked 1,800 kilometres!

To do all these things a porter must be fit, be able to think clearly in an emergency, and be polite and friendly. Next time you are waiting for a porter to answer your call, please be patient. He will be with you as soon as he can.



2 Decide if these sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Porters only push food trolleys around. _____
- 2 They move patients around the hospital. _____
- 3 Porters take dead patients from the wards. _____
- 4 Each ward makes 4.5 kilos of waste a day. _____
- 5 The porters destroy all the waste. _____
- 6 Porters give the patients their mail. _____

Useful vocabulary

trolleys./'trɒlɪz/ carros.
wheelchair./'wi:l'tʃeə/ silla de ruedas.
stretcher./'stretʃə/ camilla.
mortuary./'mɔ:tʃuəri/ mortuario.
waste./weɪst/ desperdicio
samples./'sɑ:mplz/ muestras.
specimens/'spesɪmɪnz/ muestras/especímenes

files./faɪlz/ archivos.
polite./pə'laɪt/ educado/atento/correcto
friendly./'frendli/ amistoso
to push./tə pʊʃ/ empujar.
to lift./tə lɪft/ levantar.
to carry./tə 'kæri/ llevar.
to dispose./tə dɪs'pəʊz/ desechar.