

Read the text. Then write TRUE (T) or FALSE (F). If false, correct the statement.

# Hunter 'Patch' Adams

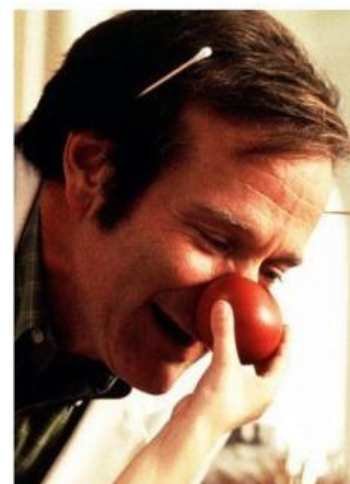
When he was a teenager, Hunter Adams was very unhappy, and he spent many years in the 1960s and 1970s in a hospital for people with mental health problems.

When he left the hospital, Adams decided to become a doctor, so he went to medical school in the state of Virginia, in the U.S. There he often did things differently from the doctors and other students. For example, he didn't like the doctors' white coats, so he wore shirts with flowers on them when he visited his patients. He also tried to make them laugh. The doctors at the medical school didn't like Adams because he was too different.

But Adams believed that people in a hospital need more than medicine. He saw that patients were lonely and unhappy. He tried to help them, not just as patients but as people, too. He spent a lot of time with children in the hospital. He often put on a red nose to look like a clown and to make the children laugh.

When he finished medical school and became a doctor, Adams and some other doctors began an organization called the Gesundheit Institute. One of their goals is to build a clinic and teaching centre. It will be a place with a different way of working with sick people.

Hunter Adams became famous during the 1980s, and in 1998, Universal Pictures made a successful movie about Adam's life called *Patch Adams*. Robin Williams played Adams. Williams said, "Hunter is a really warm person, who believes that patients need a doctor who's a friend. I enjoyed playing him"



## Open Questions

1. Why did Hunter Adams spend many years in a hospital during the 1960s and 1970s?
2. What did Adams do to make his patients feel happier?
3. Why didn't the doctors at the medical school like Adams?
4. What is the goal of the Gesundheit Institute?

### Multiple Choice Questions

5. What did Hunter Adams wear instead of white coats?
  - A) Black jackets
  - B) Shirts with flowers on them
  - C) Blue uniforms
  
6. Why did Adams put on a red nose?
  - A) To look more professional
  - B) To protect himself from illness
  - C) To make children laugh
  
7. In what year was the movie *Patch Adams* released?
  - A) 1980
  - B) 1998
  - C) 1970
  
8. Who played Hunter Adams in the movie *Patch Adams*?
  - A) Robin Williams
  - B) Tom Hanks
  - C) Brad Pitt