

1 BEFORE YOU READ

A CHOOSE. Complete the sentences with the vocabulary from the box.

CNA

nursing home

orderly



1. He's an _____.



2. She's a _____.



3. They live in a _____.

B TALK ABOUT IT. What kinds of jobs are there in a hospital?

The words in Exercise 1A will be important when you read *Healthcare Jobs in the U.S.* Write the words in your notebook. Underline the words when you see them in the article.

Healthcare Jobs in the U.S.

Many people in the U.S. work in healthcare. How many? More than 12 million.

The biggest number of jobs in healthcare is for nurses. They work in hospitals, doctors' offices, schools, and nursing homes. You need a lot of training to be a nurse. Nurses go to school for many years.

That is not true for all jobs in healthcare. For some jobs, a high school diploma is enough. For example, you can be an orderly or a CNA. (CNA means "certified nursing assistant.") Most orderlies get training on the job. CNAs take a training course and an exam.

The U.S. has more than 1.5 million CNAs and orderlies. They work in hospitals and nursing homes. They need to be strong because sometimes they lift patients out of bed. They also help people eat, wash, or get dressed.

Hospitals and nursing homes need other kinds of workers, too. They need cooks, housekeepers, custodians, and electricians. They need clerks to do office work.

Healthcare in the U.S. is growing. It will need more workers in the future.

Top Jobs in the U.S.

	What's the job?	How many people do it?	How much money do they make in a year?
1.	Sales assistant	4.5 million	about \$25,000
2.	Cashier	3.3 million	about \$20,000
3.	Food preparer and server	3.0 million	about \$19,000
4.	Office assistant	2.8 million	about \$30,000
5.	Registered nurse	2.7 million	about \$69,000

3 CLOSE READING

A CITE EVIDENCE. Complete the sentences. Where is the information?
Write the line number.

1. More than _____ million people work in healthcare in the U.S.
a. 12 b. 15 c. 21
2. You need many years of school to be _____.
a. a CNA b. an orderly c. a nurse
3. _____ do office work in hospitals.
a. Clerks b. Housekeepers c. Electricians
4. There will be _____ jobs in healthcare in the future.
a. more b. the same number of c. not so many

B INTERPRET. Complete the sentences about the chart.

1. The chart shows _____ in the U.S.
a. the jobs with the most workers b. who makes the most money c. the best jobs
2. There are _____ nurses in the U.S.
a. 2.7 million b. 7 million c. 12 million
3. There are more nurses in the U.S. than _____.
a. cashiers b. office assistants c. doctors
4. Most nurses make about _____ a year.
a. \$39,000 b. \$69,000 c. \$89,000