Florence Nightingale

Florence Nightingale was one of the first women to organize a women's medical service at the front.

Florence was well educated in music, art and literature. From her childhood, she had nursed poor people and sick dogs, cats and horses. She wanted to become a nurse. She visited hospitals and read books on nursing.

At that time, Britain was in war. The hospitals were dirty. The patients were dying in thousands. Florence wrote a letter to the Minister of War, offered her service, and soon went to the front.

When Florence Nightingale came to the front, she found that everything was lacking: beds, clothes, soap, plates. She bought everything with her own money.

Every night with a little lamp to light her way she walked by the beds.

The soldiers called her "Lady with the lamp" and they all loved her. In 1855

Florence Nightingale was made Inspector of all hospitals at the front. She fell ill but continued her work. When Florence came back to England, she was an invalid for life. Florence could not leave her house and often even her bed but she worked hard.

She changed the whole system of hospital organization of the army.

She wrote books on nursing. In 1906, she organized a school for nurses. She changed hospital planning in England. In 1907 Florence Nightingale became the first woman awarded with the highest British civil order. Three years later, a very tired old woman of ninety, she died in her sleep.

Now in London not far from the Westminster Bridge there is a Museum of Florence Nightingale. In 1912, the International Red Cross League established the Florence Nightingale medal as the highest international award to nurses.

Answer the questions

1. Who was Florence Nightingale?
   - a) a doctor
   - b) a nurse
   - c) a dentist

2. What was in Britain?
   - a) a festival
   - b) a war
   - c) a fair

3. How did the soldiers call her?
   - a) " Lady with the map"
   - b) "Lady with the cat"
   - c) "Lady with the lamp"

4. What did she write?
   - a) a book on nursing
   - b) a book about travelling
   - c) a book about the war

5. How many years did she live?
   - a) eighty-five
   - b) ninety
   - c) ninety-two

6. What is there in London?
   - a) a street of Florence Nightingale
   - b) a museum of Florence Nightingale
   - c) a hospital of Florence Nightingale

7. What did the International Red Cross League create?
   - a) a monument
   - b) a hospital
   - c) a medal

Read and write True(T)/ False(F)

1. Florence was well educated in cooking.
2. She wanted to become a nurse.
3. Britain had a war and the hospitals were dirty.
4. The soldiers called her "Lady with the medicine".
5. Florence changed the system of hospital organization of the army.
6. In 1915, the International Red Cross League established the medal for nurses.

Complete the sentences with the word

| bought | made | wrote | became | educated |
| wanted | visited | were | came | worked |

1. My friend was _____ in the United States.
2. She's always _____ a large family.
3. We _____ very busy last week.
4. My sister _____ a lot of poems.
5. Our family _____ the museum last week.
6. I fell asleep before my father _____ home.
7. My mother _____ pancakes for breakfast.
8. She _____ as a librarian two years ago.
9. He _____ a famous actor.
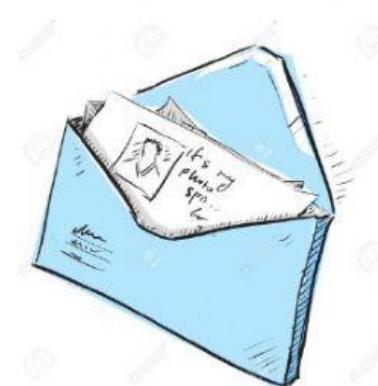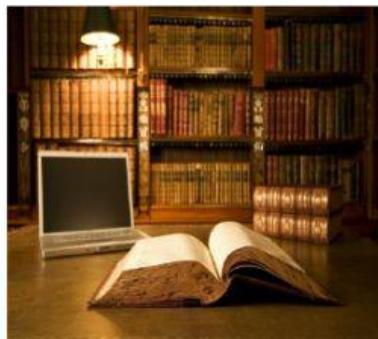10. I _____ a watch and I lost it the next day.

Read and draw lines

1. Florence	a) become a nurse
2. She visited hospitals and	b) "Lady with the lamp"
3. She wanted to	c) was well educated
4. Florence wrote a letter to	d) she continued her work
5. She fell ill but	e) read books on nursing
6. The soldiers called her	f) the Minister of War

Put the sentences in order

a. There is a museum of Florence Nightingale in London.
b. The soldiers called her "Lady with the lamp".
c. Florence was one of the first women who worked at the front.
d. The hospitals were dirty.
e. She was a nurse.
f. Florence fell ill but continued her work.
g. She bought everything with her own money.
h. She visited hospitals and read books on nursing.
i. Florence changed the whole system of hospital organization of the army

Match words with pictures

letter tired soldiers soap war patients nurse literature

_____ _____ _____

_____ _____ _____

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Complete the sentences with the word

| literature | tired | war | soap | nurse | patients | soldiers | letter |

1. I like reading English _____.
2. A _____ took my temperature.
3. The family had a hard time after the _____.
4. The doctor is gentle with his _____.
5. Wash your hands with _____.
6. The _____ are ready for the battle.
7. I was _____ , but I couldn't sleep.
8. We read the _____ again and again.