

# NURSING DUTIES

Match the pictures A-F with the sentences 1-6

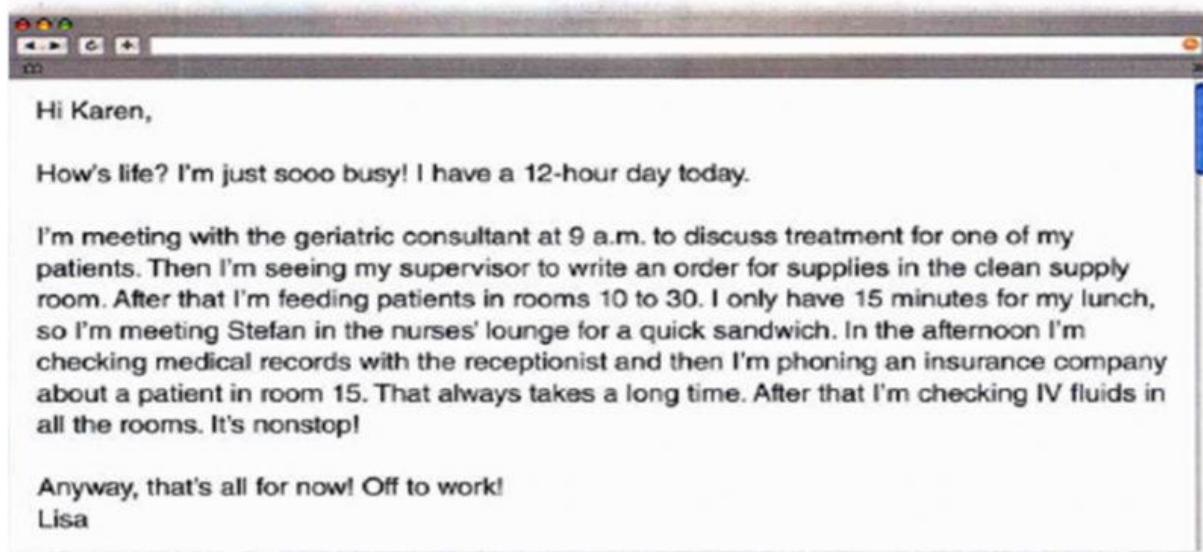


1. A doctor is looking at an x-ray in the consulting room.\_\_\_\_\_
2. A nurse is taking a patient's temperature.\_\_\_\_\_
3. A nurse is filling in a patient's temperature chart.\_\_\_\_\_
4. A visitor is talking to a nurse at the nurses' station.\_\_\_\_\_
5. Two nurses are eating lunch in the nurses' lounge.\_\_\_\_\_
6. A nurse is looking for bandages in the clean supply room.\_\_\_\_\_

Complete these conversations with the correct present continuous form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 A: Lisa, I need some help. (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (you / do) anything important?  
B: Yes, I'm sorry. I (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (change) Ms Bandine's IV. Is it urgent?  
A: No, I can wait five minutes.
- 2 A: Mr Halpert's call light is on.  
B: He (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (probably / complain) about pain again.  
A: The poor guy (4) \_\_\_\_\_ (have) trouble sleeping. I'll go and give him some pain medication.
- 3 A: What (5) \_\_\_\_\_ (the nursing assistants / do)?  
B: They're with Ms Davis. I think they (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (take) her temperature.

**5** Read this email and underline the verbs in the present continuous.



Hi Karen,

How's life? I'm just sooo busy! I have a 12-hour day today.

I'm meeting with the geriatric consultant at 9 a.m. to discuss treatment for one of my patients. Then I'm seeing my supervisor to write an order for supplies in the clean supply room. After that I'm feeding patients in rooms 10 to 30. I only have 15 minutes for my lunch, so I'm meeting Stefan in the nurses' lounge for a quick sandwich. In the afternoon I'm checking medical records with the receptionist and then I'm phoning an insurance company about a patient in room 15. That always takes a long time. After that I'm checking IV fluids in all the rooms. It's nonstop!

Anyway, that's all for now! Off to work!

Lisa

**6** Are these sentences about the *present* (P) or the *future* (F)?

- 1 Next week I'm working the afternoon shift. (P / F)
- 2 Lea Thibault in room 19 is going home later today. (P / F)
- 3 They're currently checking temperature charts. (P / F)
- 4 We're meeting at the nurses' station at 5.20 for the handover. (P / F)
- 5 I'm looking for more bandages. Can you help me? (P / F)
- 6 Ken's eating his lunch in the nurses' lounge at the moment. (P / F)