1 Correct the spelling mistakes.

▶ spezialist specialist
1 consultent .....
2 inmediately .....
3 recouver .....
4 pacient .....
5 straightway .....
6 urgente .....
7 well enogh .....
8 succesful .....
9 benifit .....
10 sirgeon .....

2 Circle the correct answer.

▶ The patient/surgeon has the operation.
1 The consultant/patient goes into hospital.
2 The specialist/patient orders the scans.
3 The consultant/patient may have to have an X-ray.
4 The specialist/patient may need treatment urgently.
5 The surgeon/patient explains the benefits of the treatment.
6 The patient/nurse cares for the person after the operation.
7 The specialist/patient gets over the illness.
8 The nurse/patient works on the ward.

3 Complete the conversation with suitable words.

A Hi, Mary, how are you?
B Oh, not too bad, but I'm a bit c oncerned about my eye.
A I'm sorry to hear that. What's the matter?
B Well, I've just been to hospital to see a (1) c..... and I had some (2) t..... too, to see what was wrong. I've got a problem at the back of my eye, and I need to have an (3) o..... .
A Oh, dear. Is it (4) u..... ?
B Yes, I have to have it done (5) s..... – I've got to go (6) i..... hospital tomorrow.
A And are there any (7) r..... with the treatment?
B I don't think so; it's a very simple operation, and it's usually very (8) s..... : 98 per cent of people can see better afterwards.
A And when will you be well (9) e..... to start work again?
B He said I'll need a week to (10) g..... o..... the operation. My sister is going to (11) t..... c..... of me at home.
A Well, good luck – I hope it goes well.

4 ABOUT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY **Write your answers, or ask another student.**

1 Have you ever been into hospital for a few days or longer? When? .....
2 Have you ever visited a patient in hospital? If so, when, and who was it? .....
3 When patients are on a ward, do the nurses take care of them, or does the family look after them too? .....
4 Can you see a specialist straightaway in your country, or do you have to wait? If so, how long? .....
5 Do you have to see your doctor first before you go and see a specialist? .....
6 Where do patients usually go to recover after an operation? .....

5 **Test yourself. Cover the meanings in the table and look at the procedures. Can you remember the meanings of the new words?**