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Read the e-mail.

To: Mary Blackwood
From: Jill Smith

Hi Mary,

How are you? I'm OK but I had to spend a night in hospital last week. I broke my wrist when I was playing basketball. It really, really hurt! I was running after the ball when I realised the wall was very close. I put out my hand to stop me crashing into the wall and there was a horrible breaking noise – my wrist! Fortunately it was my left one, but I won't be able to play basketball for a few months. I also scraped my knee when I fell down. Ouch!



My wrist hurt a lot!

It was a really bad break so I had to have an operation. I don't remember anything about it because they gave me some medicine to make me sleep. When I woke up afterwards, I had a cast from my hand up to my arm, past my elbow. I can't straighten my arm at all. The cast is really heavy, but I have a sling around my neck to hold my arm. I'm not sure how I'm going to put my school jumper on. Mum said she'll cut the left sleeve off for me! Sleeping is difficult because I can't turn over.

There was a really nice nurse in the emergency room at the hospital. She talked to me when I was waiting for the doctor. She told me that she broke her wrist when she was a child too! She wasn't playing basketball though. She was climbing a tree when she slipped and fell. She had to stay in hospital for a week!

Anyway, typing with one hand is hard so I'll stop here. Come and see me soon!

Love,
Jill



I miss playing basketball!

Date: _____

**B** Read the e-mail again and finish the hospital notes.

Patient's name: ❶ _____

Injuries: broken ❷ _____ and scraped ❸ _____

Treatment: operation, ❹ _____ (from hand to past elbow),
 ❺ _____ (to support arm)

**C** Blacken ● the circles.

1 Read line 7: Fortunately it was my left one ... Why does Jill say this?

- ☐ A. She is happy she only broke one wrist.
- ☐ B. She does most things with her right hand.
- ☐ C. She only needs one hand to play basketball.
- ☐ D. Breaking her left wrist doesn't cause any problems.

2 Which picture shows Jill?

☐ A.☐ B.☐ C.☐ D.

3 Jill ____.

- ☐ A. can't sleep well
- ☐ B. is still in hospital
- ☐ C. hurt three parts of her body in the accident
- ☐ D. got hurt when she was shooting hoops

4 This e-mail is about ____.

- ☐ A. playing basketball
- ☐ B. the emergency room
- ☐ C. Jill's accident
- ☐ D. how to avoid accidents



The answer should be about the whole e-mail.



5 Jill and the nurse both ____.

- ☐ A. needed to stay in hospital for a week
- ☐ B. hurt themselves while they were doing sport
- ☐ C. hurt the same part of their bodies
- ☐ D. slipped and broke their wrist