

TRAVELING EYE HOSPITAL

Read and do the multiple choice.

Orbis is an organization which helps blind people everywhere. It has built an eye hospital inside an airplane and flown it all over the world with an international medical team. Samantha Graham, a fourteen-year-old schoolgirl from England, went with the plane to Mongolia. Samantha tells the story of Eukhtuul, a young Mongolian girl.

"Last year, when Eukhtuul was walking home from school, she was attacked by boys with sticks and her eyes were badly damaged. Dr. Duffey, an Orbis doctor, said that without an operation she would never see again. I thought about all the everyday things I do that she couldn't, things like reading schoolbooks, watching television, seeing friends, and I realized how lucky I am."

"The Orbis team agreed to operate on Eukhtuul and I was allowed to watch, together with some Mongolian medical students. I prayed the operation would be successful. The next day I waited nervously with Eukhtuul while Dr. Duffey removed her bandages. 'In six months your sight will be back to normal,' he said. Eukhtuul smiled, her mother cried, and I had to wipe away some tears, too!"

"Now Eukhtuul wants to study hard to become a doctor. Her whole future has changed, thanks to a simple operation. We should all think more about how much our sight means to us."

1 What is the writer's main purpose in writing this text?

- A To describe a dangerous trip
- B To report a patient's cure
- C To explain how sight can be lost
- D To warn against playing with sticks

2 What can a reader learn about in this text?

- A The life of schoolchildren in Mongolia
- B The difficulties for blind travelers
- C The international work of some eye doctors
- D The best way of studying medicine

3 After meeting Eukhtuul, Samantha felt

- A grateful for her own sight
- B Proud of the doctor's skill
- C Surprised by Eukhtuul's courage
- D Angry about Eukhtuul's experience

4 What is the result of Eukhtuul's operation?

- A She can already see perfectly again
- B After some time she will see as well as before
- C She can see better but will never have normal eyes.
- D Before she recovers, she will need another operation.

5 Which is the postcard Samantha wrote to an English friend?

- A I've visited Mongolian hospital and watched local doctors do an operation
- B You may have to fly a long way to have the operation you need, but the journey will be worth it.
- C I'm staying with my friend Eukhtuul, while I'm sightseeing in Mongolia.
- D Make sure you take care of your eyes because they're more valuable than you realize!

