

- 8.1 Make word combinations using a word from each box. Look at A, B, C and D opposite to help you.

ambulance  
artificial  
club  
contact  
health  
intraocular  
occupational  
social

foot  
lens  
limb  
worker  
pressure  
technician  
professional  
therapist

- 8.2 Which allied health professionals could best help the following people? Look at A, B, C and D opposite to help you.

- 1 a young unmarried woman who has just had a baby
- 2 a woman who is having difficulty using her right arm following a fracture
- 3 someone who needs glasses
- 4 an elderly woman who has had a below knee amputation
- 5 a man whose wife has Alzheimer's disease
- 6 a man with a fungal infection of his feet

- 8.3 Complete the texts. Look at A and C opposite to help you.

A prosthetist works with patients of all ages as a member of a clinical team, based at a large hospital. The patients may need a prosthesis as the result of an accident, or (1) ..... following a disease such as diabetes. Alternatively they may have been born without a (2) ..... . Orthotists work alongside doctors, nurses, physiotherapists and occupational (3) ..... to give the people under their care the best possible (4) ..... . Their main aim is to enable the patient to lead a normal life at work and leisure.

An orthotist often works in a clinic as part of an outpatient service and also visits other centres to provide a service for people with special needs. They deal with people of all ages. For instance, children who have cerebral palsy may require (5) ..... to help them walk and many older people need special shoes to correct (6) ..... . If damaged, any part of the human skeleton may require some form of orthosis. The orthosis may be needed to reposition the body or to (7) ..... pain.