**Find key information from different forms of writing**

Around the world on the 12th May, we celebrate nurses and all their hard work.

Nurses work with doctors, physiotherapists, psychiatrists, psychologists, paramedics, technicians, GPs, porters and many more. These people are called care professionals. This is because

**International Nurses Day – May 12th**

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their main job is to care for their patients. This means that if you are injured, sick, or suffering in any way, a nurse will try their best to take care of you. It is their job. But taking care of patients can be hard work. Nurses need to do tests on patients like blood tests. They need to give medicines/ injections to patients. They need to talk to patients and make them feel better if they are scared or worried about their health. They help patients in hospital get their meals. They even give people baths and help them use the toilet. They reassure the patient’s family. They work as part of a team with other care professionals. They are calm when there are emergencies. They can cope with busy and stressful shifts. They clean and dress cuts and wounds. Some even help to deliver babies. They work with doctors during operations and they usually do ALL these things while smiling.

Nurses work in hospitals, GPs, clinics and care homes but they can also work in schools, prisons or in a patient’s home. They usually wear a uniform or scrubs and they need to have access to lots of medical equipment. Some of their important equipment are medicines, vaccinations, stethoscopes, thermometers, bandages, needles, masks, swabs, gloves and much more.

There are thousands of nurses working in Ireland today. They work long shifts and they work very hard. In Ireland, nurses work for the HSE. The HSE and nurses have been in the news a lot recently. This is because there is a global pandemic happening. This pandemic is because of COVID-19. Our nurses have always been important but now they are even more important than usual. Every day, they are risking their health and their lives when they go to work. This is because they work, and they care for some of the sickest people in our country.

To support our nurses, there are lots of things we can do. We can stay at home. We can wash our hands often. We can cough and sneeze into our elbow or a tissue. We can give good advice to our friends who are not staying at home. We can help create a positive atmosphere at home by getting along with our siblings and listening to our parents. We need to support nurses by doing all these things, not only on International Nurses Day, but every day until this global pandemic is over.



Questions

1 Get the definitions of the following words –

* Psychologist: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Psychiatrist: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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2 Where do nurses work? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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3 Does it sound easy to work as a nurse? Give a reason for your answer. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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4 List some ways that nurses take care of their patients.

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5 What is happening on the 12th May? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

6 What day of the week is the 12th May? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

7 What is another name for COVID-19? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

8 What can we do to support nurses now? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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