Florence Nightingale

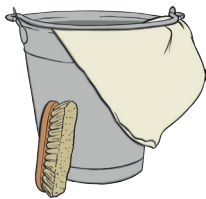Florence was born 12th May 1820, in Florence, Italy.

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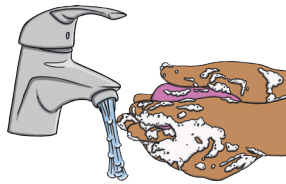

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Got better food

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   ☐ nurse

   ☐ police woman

   ☐ vet

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   ☐ they were good

4. What did Florence and the nurses do next?

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   ☐ They cleaned the hospital.

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Florence The Nurse

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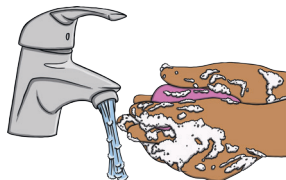
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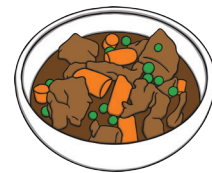
What Did They Do?

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This helped to save lives. Florence spent the rest of her life trying to make hospitals better places for everybody.

Did You Know?

Florence was called 'The Lady with the Lamp' because when it was dark, she carried a lantern with her around the hospital.

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   ☐ Italy

   ☐ France

   ☐ Germany

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   ☐ poor

   ☐ good

   ☐ very hot

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Florence was born on 12th May 1820, in Florence, Italy. Her family moved to England when she was a baby.

As a young woman, Florence believed that God had told her to spend her life looking after people, so she became a nurse.
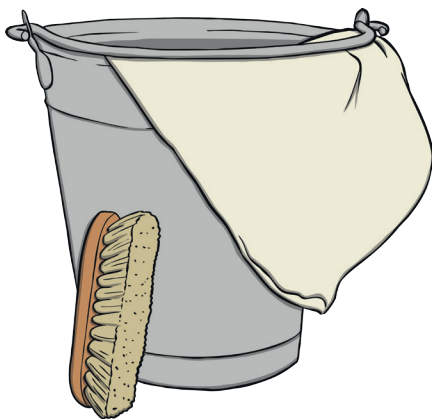
A war started and Florence went to look after the soldiers who had been hurt. Other nurses went with her.

Hospitals weren't very nice places in those days.

- Medicine was in short supply.
- The food was of poor quality.
- There weren't enough beds for the patients.

There weren't any toilets so the hospital was very dirty and smelly. Rats were common and many men died due to the poor conditions. Florence wanted to make things better so the other nurses helped her.

What Did They Do?

- The nurses cleaned the hospital.
- They washed their hands regularly to stop the spread of germs and infection.
- The patients were served better food.

These changes saved many lives.

Florence was respected by the soldiers. They called her 'The Lady with the Lamp' because she walked around the wards at night with her lantern.

Florence spent the rest of her life trying to make hospitals better places for everybody.

She was awarded the Royal Red Cross by Queen Victoria in 1883.

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3. What were hospitals like before Florence started to change things?

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4. Name two things that Florence and the nurses did to make things better at the hospital?

   1. _____

   2. _____

5. Why was Florence called 'The Lady with the Lamp?'

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6. Describe Florence in 2 words and give reasons for your answers.

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3. What were hospitals like before Florence started to change things?
    Hospitals weren't very nice. Medicine was in short supply and food was poor quality. There weren't enough beds and no toilets so it was dirty and smelly.

4. Name two things that Florence and the nurses did to make things better at the hospital?
    Any two from: The nurses cleaned the hospital; They washed their hands to stop the spread of germs; They served better food to the patients.

5. Why was Florence called 'The Lady with the Lamp?'
    Florence was called 'The Lady with the Lamp' because she walked around the wards at night with a lantern.

6. Describe Florence in 2 words and give reasons for your answers.
    Various answers and reasoning. Possible adjectives could include caring, helpful, kind, hardworking, religious, brave, respected.