

UNIT 1

Admitting a patient

Complete exercises 1a–f below. These exercises practise the following grammar point:

- Present simple

For help with the exercises, you can find a *Grammar reference for Cambridge English for Nursing Pre-intermediate* at the following address www.cambridge.org/elt/englishfornursing

- 1 a** Look at these sentences that a nurse or patient might say. Complete the sentences with the correct form of the word in brackets.

- 1 The bathroom is (be) outside on your left.
- 2 What is (be) your date of birth, please?
- 3 Your hospital number is (be) 463817.
- 4 I am (be) here to do your admission Obs.
- 5 This tympanic thermometer takes (take) a patient's temperature.
- 6 The machine says (say) your blood pressure's fine.
- 7 The other lead reads (read) the amount of oxygen in your blood.
- 8 Your daughter weighs (weigh) 22 kilos.
- 9 Is there (be) anything else you need?
- 10 He has (have) a slow pulse. It's 56.

- b** Look at these sentences about activities in a hospital. Rewrite these positive sentences in the negative so that they have the opposite meaning and underline the changes.

- 1 The nurse has a lot of free time.
The nurse doesn't have a lot of free time.
- 2 The nurse shows the patient round the ward.

- 3 The nurse gets the patient's lunch.

- 4 The nurse is in a hurry.

- 5 Patients have to buy a present for the nurse.

- c** Look at these sentences that a nurse or patient might say. Rewrite these negative sentences in the positive so that they have the opposite meaning and underline the changes.

- 1 I don't have to tell you about the nurse call.
I have to tell you about the nurse call.
- 2 We don't check everything carefully.

- 3 The patient hasn't got to hold out his arm.

- 4 The tympanic thermometer measures a patient's blood pressure.

- 5 I'm not allergic to morphine.

d A nurse is asking questions to a patient or the parent of a young patient. Correct the mistakes in the nurse's questions and underline the changes.

- 1 You need help to walk to the bathroom?
Do you need help to walk to the bathroom ?
- 2 Are you know about the nurse call?
_____?
- 3 You've got an ID bracelet on.
_____?
- 4 I can look at your ID bracelet, please?
_____?
- 5 You can tell me your full name, please?
_____?
- 6 You have any allergies?
_____?
- 7 Your daughter has eight years?
_____?
- 8 Is OK?
_____?
- 9 You can show to me your arm, please?
_____?
- 10 You ready to see the doctor?
_____?

e Here are some questions a patient might ask a nurse. Put the words in the correct order to make questions.

- 1 normal / my / are / readings
Are my readings normal ?
- 2 all / pulse / is / my / right
_____?
- 3 to / need / have / an / do / injection / I
_____?
- 4 say / does / what / it
_____?
- 5 much / I / how / weigh / do
_____?

f Read the text about part of a nurse's daily routine. Rewrite the text changing *I* to *he* and underline the changes.

I take Obs very often. I always follow the same procedure. First, I weigh the patient and write the weight on the chart. Then I take the patient's temperature. I use a tympanic thermometer. I ask the patient to turn his or her head and I have to wait for the beep. Next, I put the blood pressure cuff on and check the patient's blood pressure and pulse. I also clip a lead onto the patient's finger to measure his or her oxygen sats. I count the patient's respirations, and note them down on the chart too. I'm very quick because I do the same thing every day.

He takes Obs very often. He always ...

Extension

Write about something you have to do often. Use the text in Exercise 1f as a model.