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Level 4 – 17th December, 2020

Healthcare clowns help patients laugh and recover

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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An adage says, "laughter is the best medicine". Humour is needed more than ever today. Medical staff around the world are using humour in their work. Healthcare clowns are now common in hospitals. An organisation started in 2011 that sets standards. It says: "Healthcare clowns bring moments of happiness...to children who are ill or who have special needs....Clowns also bring smiles to vulnerable adults, including seniors and people with dementia."

Israel is a world leader in the field. It opened the world's first university to offer a Bachelor's degree in medical clowning in 2007. An Israeli healthcare clown wanted to use her inner clown to help patients with COVID-19. She knew it would provide therapy for her patients. It reduces their stress and improves their wellbeing. She said: "Obviously, the doctors, they take care of the body. And we come in and take care of the soul. And it integrates together."

Sources: <https://www.euronews.com/2020/12/14/clown-doctors-prove-that-laughter-is-the-best-medicine-but-they-need-support>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. laughter is the best | a. around the globe |
| 2. needed more | b. adults |
| 3. common in hospitals | c. in 2011 |
| 4. It was established | d. dementia |
| 5. bring moments | e. than ever |
| 6. have special | f. of happiness |
| 7. bring smiles to vulnerable | g. medicine |
| 8. people with | h. needs |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Healthcare clowns are especially | a. for her patients |
| 2. offer a Bachelor's | b. this |
| 3. the clown | c. body |
| 4. have therapeutic benefits | d. popular |
| 5. It reduces their | e. of the soul |
| 6. they take care of the | f. degree |
| 7. we come in and take care | g. inside her |
| 8. the doctors understand | h. anxiety |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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An adage says, "laughter is (1) _____". Humour is needed more (2) _____. Medical staff around the world are using humour in their work. Healthcare clowns (3) _____ in hospitals. An organisation started in 2011 (4) _____. It says: "Healthcare clowns bring moments of happiness...to children (5) _____ or who have special needs....Clowns also bring (6) _____ adults, including seniors and people with dementia."

Israel is a world leader (7) _____. It opened the world's first university to offer a Bachelor's (8) _____ clowning in 2007. An Israeli healthcare clown wanted to use (9) _____ to help patients with COVID-19. She knew it would provide therapy for her patients. It (10) _____ and improves their wellbeing. She said: "Obviously, the doctors, they take care of the body. And we come in and (11) _____ the soul. And (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CLOWNS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about clowns in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

