

## Class 10 Reading

Read this text and answer the questions at the end.

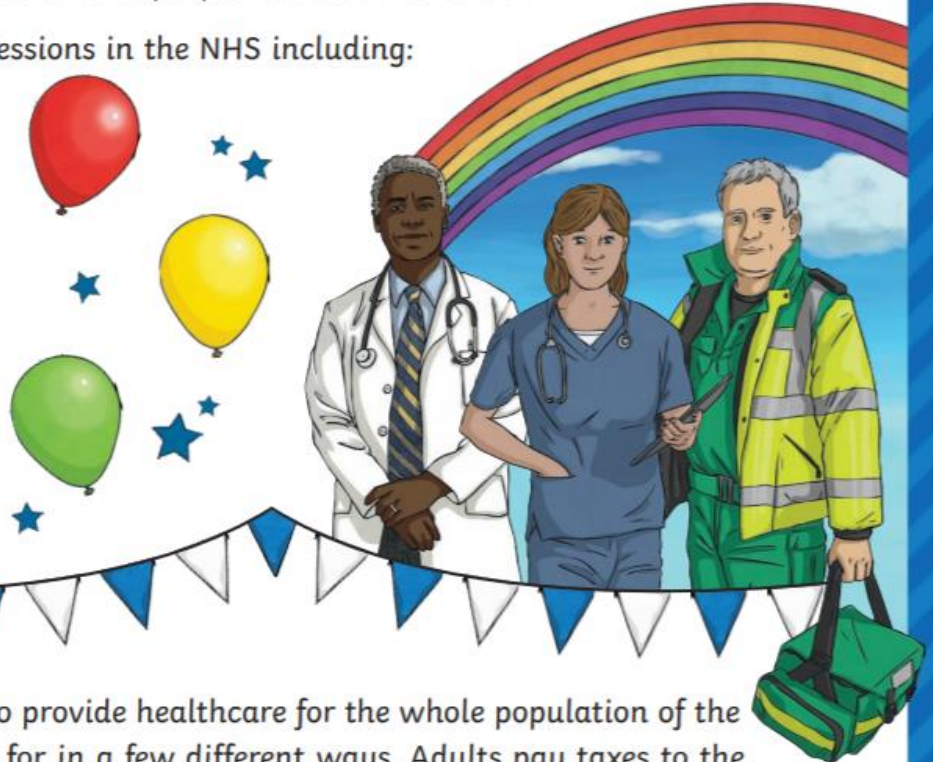
# Celebrating the NHS

## What Is the NHS?

When people who live in the UK need medical help, they can use the NHS to help them to get better. NHS stands for National Health Service and is a free service for anyone living in the UK to access. The NHS is a group of organisations which offer free medical treatment to people who live in the UK.

There are many professions in the NHS including:

- cleaners
- cooks
- doctors
- midwives
- nurses
- office staff
- paramedics



It is very expensive to provide healthcare for the whole population of the UK. The NHS is paid for in a few different ways. Adults pay taxes to the **government** to fund part of the NHS; some of the money that pays for the NHS comes from donations. Sir Captain Tom Moore raised an incredible £32 million for NHS charities by walking laps of his garden. On the morning of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, his achievement was recognised by **flypasts** from the British Army and the Royal Airforce. He also received over 150,000 birthday cards.

## Who Started the NHS?

Before the NHS, people had to pay for **healthcare**. This meant that many people didn't get the care that they needed as they couldn't pay. The National Health Service was founded in 1948 after the Second World War. The government introduced the new system because they believed that everybody had a right to be looked after.



### Why Do People Clap for the NHS?

Many people in the UK are very thankful for the NHS because it allows them vital access to the care that they need. Everyone has a right to treatment through the NHS; therefore, some experts think that people have happier, healthier lives. Lots of other countries in the world do not have access to the same services for free.

Every Thursday, people have been standing on their doorsteps at 8pm and clapping, cheering and even banging pots and pans for **healthcare workers**.

This is to show their appreciation for the hard-working NHS staff who have made sacrifices to ensure that the public stay healthy. A group called 'Clap for Carers' has used social media to encourage as many people as possible to join in and it has been a great success. Even the Prime Minister and some members of the Royal Family have been known to take part each week.



### Why Are There Rainbows in Windows?

When walking outside, you may have noticed that rainbows have been appearing in many windows. Mostly, these rainbows have been drawn and painted by children who have been staying at home. The trend started in Italy and has spread to



other countries. Here in the UK, the rainbows show people's support for the NHS, key workers and **volunteers** who are helping look after everyone. Rainbows have become a symbol of hope and positivity; many people say it has put a smile on their face as they walk past them!

### Glossary

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| <b>flypast</b>            | A special flight of an aircraft past a person or event. |
| <b>government</b>         | A group of people who run a country.                    |
| <b>healthcare workers</b> | People who work to improve people's health.             |
| <b>volunteers</b>         | People who work without being paid.                     |



## Questions

When answering the questions, remember to underline key words and read around them. Read the sentences the words are in and the sentences before and after if you need to. Think carefully about what the questions are asking you to do. Where there is a choice of answers, check all possible answers before making a decision.

### **Monday**

Read the text and underline any words which you do not understand. Find out the meanings of those words. If you find any too difficult, you can email me.

### **Tuesday**

1. Who has the author written this text for? Choose one answer.
  - a) People who work for the NHS.
  - b) Children learning about the NHS.
  - c) Adults who are baking a cake.
  - d) Children who are learning to dance.
  
2. Order the events to show the order in which they occur in the next.
  - a) They have become a symbol of happiness and positivity.
  - b) The NHS is a group of organisations which offers free medical treatment.
  - c) You may have noticed that rainbows have been appearing in windows.
  - d) Even the Prime Minister and some members of the Royal Family have been known to take part.
  - e) Lots of other countries in the world do not have free medical care.
  
3. Find and copy one word which means the same as **gratitude**.
  
4. What does NHS stand for? Choose one answer.
  - a) National Health System
  - b) National Hospital Service
  - c) National Hospital System
  - d) National Health Service

### **Wednesday**

5. List three things that people might have been doing on Thursdays at 8pm.
  
6. When was the NHS founded?
  - a) 1945
  - b) 1948
  - c) 2000

d) 2020

7. How was medical care different after 1948? Choose one answer.

- a) It was free for people living in the UK.
- b) People had to pay for their medical care.
- c) People have been standing on their doorsteps.
- d) Rainbows show support for the NHS.

8. Which phrase told you that people felt happier after seeing rainbows in windows?

### **Thursday**

9. Find and copy one words which shows that the 'Clap for Carers' has gone well.

10. Fill in the missing words in this sentence.

Most have been drawn or \_\_\_\_\_ by children who have been \_\_\_\_\_ at home.

11. Which phrase best describes the NHS? Choose one answer.

- a) One organisation
- b) A government
- c) A group of organisations
- d) A private service

12. Read the section titled 'What Is the NHS?'

Find and copy a word which means the same as **costly**.

### **Friday**

Read a text of your choice on Epic! (details below) and work through the quiz at the end.

## Laptop or Chromebook

Have your students open their web browser and

1. Go to [www.getepic.com/students](http://www.getepic.com/students)

2. Sign in with your class code

3. Select their name and they're in!

## iOS/Android

Have your students open the Epic! app and

1. Click on **"Have an account? Sign In"** then click on **"Students & Educators"**

2. Sign in with your class code

3. Select their name and they're in!