

Active Listening: Keyhole Surgery

Exercise 1 Comprehension

Choose the best answer to each question:

- 1 How does the doctor see inside the patient's body?
 - a He looks through a long, thin wire.
 - b He looks inside the body through the keyhole.
 - c He looks at the picture on a large screen.

- 2 How can the doctor cut away the damaged part of the body?
 - a There's a sharp knife at the end of the wire.
 - b The end of the wire is very sharp and can cut into the body.
 - c There's a laser light at the end of the wire.

- 3 Why is this kind of operation known as a 'keyhole' operation?
 - a The doctor uses a special key to make the cut.
 - b The cut is much smaller than in a traditional operation.
 - c The long, thin wire has a camera at the end of it.

- 4 Which of these is **TRUE**?
 - a The nurse moves the camera around the patient's body.
 - b The doctor moves the camera around the patient's body.
 - c The patient moves the camera around his body himself.

- 5 Which is probably the most important thing about keyhole operations?
 - a The patient pays less money.
 - b The patient is in less danger.
 - c The patient spends less time with the doctor.

Exercise 2 Short Answers

Write a short answer to each question:

- 1 How can the doctor look inside a patient's body using the long, thin wire?

- 2 What does the nurse do during keyhole operations?

- 3 Why can the patient go home earlier after keyhole surgery?

- 4 Why is a keyhole operation cheaper? (Give two reasons.)

- 5 Are keyhole operations completely safe?

ANSWER KEY (Keyhole operations)**Exercise 1 Comprehension**

- 1 c
- 2 c
- 3 b
- 4 a
- 5 b

Exercise 2 Short Answers

- 1 *There's a camera at the end of the wire (which shows a picture on a screen).*
- 2 *She moves the camera around.*
- 3 *The wound takes less time to close up.*
- 4 *First, the patient spends less time in hospital; second, the patient spends less time with the doctor.*
- 5 *No, some accidents have happened.*