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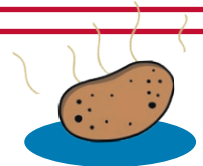
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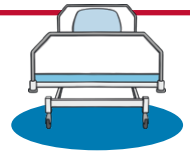
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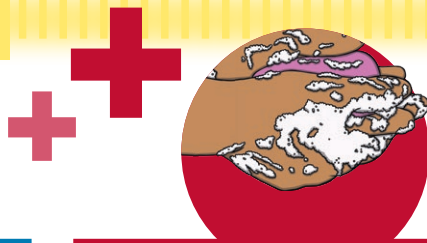


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They washed their hands.



They got better food.

These changes helped to save lives.

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## Florence the Nurse

Florence wanted to help people so she became a nurse. She went to a school in Germany to learn about being a nurse. Her first job was in a women's hospital in London.

A war started and Florence went to look after the soldiers who had been hurt. Other nurses went with her.

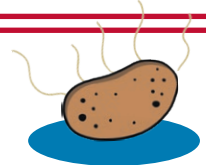
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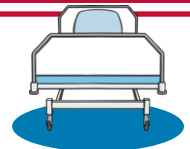
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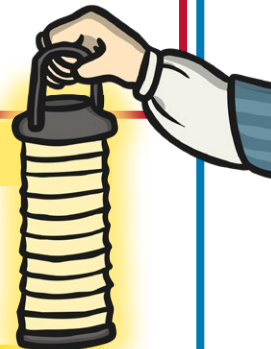
They got better food.

This helped to save lives. Florence returned to England after the war. She had become well known for the good work that she had done and even got a thank you letter from Queen Victoria!

Florence worked hard to make hospitals better places for everyone. She is remembered for this and for all the lives that she saved.

## Did You Know...?

Florence went round the hospital at night to check on the soldiers when they were asleep. She always had a lamp with her. Florence was then called 'The Lady with the Lamp'.



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- ☐ Florence was born on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

2. Draw **three** lines to match the sentences.

Florence wanted to... •

Florence became... •

Florence was called... •

• 'The Lady with the Lamp'.

• help people.

• a nurse.

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- ☐ good

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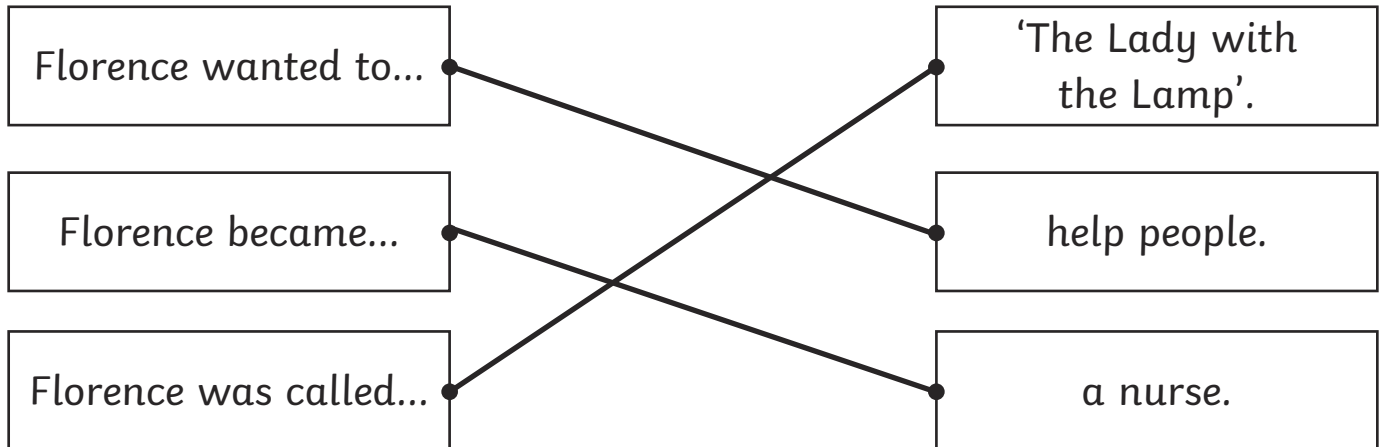
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**hurt**

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Florence was born on 12<sup>th</sup> May 1820 in Florence, Italy. She was born in Florence but grew up in England.

Florence was from a **wealthy** family so she did not have to work. However, she wanted to help people. She went to a school in Germany to study nursing.

Then, she returned to England and worked in a women's hospital in London.

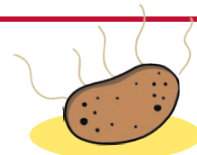
A war started in a place called Crimea and Florence went to look after the soldiers who had been hurt. Other nurses went with her.

Hospitals weren't very nice places in those days.

+ There was not enough medicine.



+ The food was of poor quality.



+ There weren't enough beds for the patients.



The hospital was dirty, smelly and rats were common. This meant that **diseases** spread easily. 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.



The patients were served better food.

**These changes saved many lives.**

## Did You Know...?

Florence was known to the soldiers as 'The Lady with the Lamp'. She went round the hospital at night to check on them when they were asleep. She always had a lamp with her to see in the dark.

Florence returned to England after the war. She had become well known for the good work she had done and the newspapers wrote about her work.

She even got a thank you letter from Queen Victoria.



Florence carried on working hard to make hospitals better places for everyone. She is remembered for this and for all the lives she saved.



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

## Glossary

**disease:** A sickness or illness.

**wealthy:** To have a lot of money.



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**The nurses cleaned the hospital first.**

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

**Florence was called 'The Lady with the Lamp' because she carried a lamp when it was dark.**

6. Explain why you think the newspapers wrote about Florence.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think the newspapers wrote about Florence because she did lots of good work for the hospital.**