



Look at the resource below, which looks at some of the jobs and roles within the NHS.

### Receptionist

Someone who answers the phone, arranges appointments and assists people when they arrive.



A hospital receptionist

### Optician

Someone who examines and treats people's eyes, tests their sight and detects eye diseases.



### Dentist

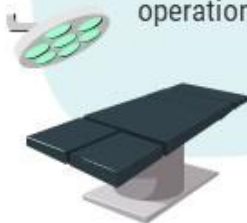
Someone who examines and treats people's teeth.



A dentist and their patient

### Surgeon

A doctor who is specially trained to perform medical operations.



### Paramedic

Someone who provides emergency medical care to people, usually wherever they have fallen ill or become injured.



Paramedics

### Porter

Someone who moves patients and things like patient notes and medical equipment from place to place within a hospital.

### Midwife

A nurse who is trained to deliver babies and to advise and help people before they have their baby.



**Can you think of any other jobs/roles in the NHS?  
Do you think you would enjoy any of these roles?**



**Look at the resource below, where some people share how society should show gratitude to workers who help us and improve our lives.**

"Whilst I think it is great to be appreciative and thankful for workers who help us, I think there is a danger of only really doing this for the people who do jobs that directly impact us. There are so many people doing jobs, perhaps in the background or without us even being aware of, that rarely receive gratitude."

**Daksha**

"The best way to show gratitude for workers is to make sure they feel valued. This may be done through improving working conditions or increasing pay."

**Simon**

"I don't really think we need to show our gratitude. People are paid to do their job and it is their choice to do it."

**Usman**



"I think writing a card or letter, sending a small gift or even donating to a cause that helps the person's job is a great way to show gratitude for the work someone has done."

**Carol**

"Small gestures to show our appreciation and thanks will always go a long way. As an individual, simply saying 'thank you' is good. Collectively, we can show our thanks on days such as National Teaching Assistants' Day or by taking part in social movements such as 'Clap For Our Carers'."

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**Share your thoughts on these opinions.  
Is there anyone you strongly agree/disagree with?**



## Picture News



### Are some jobs more important than others?

Nurses in the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) union have voted for the union's first UK-wide strike in its 106-year history. The action will involve RCN members in more than half of hospitals and community teams, but emergency care will not be affected. Pat Cullen, who is the General Secretary of the RCN, has said nurses are getting an unfair deal and that 'members are saying enough is enough'. She also reports that the strike is for patients as well as workers, because staffing shortages are impacting access to healthcare across the UK. Nursing vacancies are at a record high, meaning staff are stretched and regularly working beyond the end of their shifts.



- Look at the poster image and talk about what you can see. Explain that in this week's story, nurses have voted to take action to strike as they believe their conditions and pay are not fair. Do you know anyone who works as a nurse or as a health worker? Talk about the importance of their job and what they do.
- Read the information found on the assembly resource, which explores more about nurses and their current working conditions. Talk through their reasons for taking action at this time.
- Watch this week's useful video, which shows some of the tasks that nurses do. What parts of a nurse's role do you think would be the most difficult?
- Can you make a list of different jobs? For each job, talk about the importance of it and the impact it has on others and the wider community. Discuss the importance for all jobs to be paid fairly.

### Reflection

Nurses have a crucial role within healthcare from the very start to the end of our lives. It is vital that the important job they do is rewarded with fair working conditions.

## Picture News



### KS1 focus

What are some of the roles within the NHS?



- Write 'NHS' on the board. What is the NHS? Do you know what NHS stands for?
- Explain that NHS stands for the National Health Service. It is the health service that can be used by everybody in the UK, if they become poorly or injured. Do you know anybody who works for the NHS? What job do they do?
- There are many different jobs and roles within the NHS. Look at resource 1, which shares some of these. Can you think of any other jobs/roles in the NHS? Do you think you would enjoy any of these roles?
- Have you ever used the NHS? Perhaps you have visited the dentist or doctor or been to hospital because you were injured or ill. You may like to share your experience of this if you feel comfortable to.
- There are many different jobs and roles within the NHS. Many of the people doing different jobs need to work together so they can give the best help and care possible. Can you think about the skills you might need to work well with others e.g., good communication, being polite, listening, being organised, being reliable, being honest, respecting others. Do you think you work well with others?

### Reflection

There are many different jobs and roles within the NHS. People working for the NHS help and care for us if we become poorly or injured.

## Picture News



### KS2 focus

How should society show gratitude to workers who help us and improve our lives?



- There are many jobs people do that help others. Can you make a list of jobs that you think help us or improve our lives in some way?
- Discuss some of your experiences of people who may have helped you or others whilst doing their job e.g., shop attendant, cleaner, teacher, personal trainer, plumber, vet. Do you think some jobs help us more than others? Why?
- Have you ever shown somebody gratitude or that you appreciated the job they had done? Do you think we should do this? Look at resource 2, where some people share how society should show gratitude to workers who help us and improve our lives. Share your thoughts on these opinions. Is there anyone you strongly agree/disagree with?
- Focus on Daksha's comment. Do you think there are some jobs in which people help us or improve our lives that we aren't perhaps aware of? Do you think people who work in the armed forces help us? What about people who maintain our sewerage system?
- How do you think it might feel to be thanked for doing your job? Do you think everyone wants to be thanked?

### Reflection

There are many different ways people can show gratitude to workers for the job they do. We can choose who we want to thank and how we want to thank them.





## KS2 follow-up ideas

### Option 1

Think about some of the different jobs there are. Make a list.

- Have you thought about a job you might like to do in the future?
- What are you good at?
- What do you enjoy doing?
- Is there anything you would like to find out about this job?

Plan and write a letter to someone who is currently doing a job that is of interest to you. You could share why you are interested in their job, ask them to explain more about their role and even thank them for the job they do.

### Option 2

Look at the list of monthly costs someone living in the UK may have.

- Rent/mortgage - £800
- Food/supermarket shop - £400
- Swimming lessons - £25
- Heating/electricity - £180
- Car related costs (fuel, insurance, tax) - £250
- Football club - £20
- Pet care/food - £50
- Mobile phone - £40
- Council tax - £160
- Meals out - £100
- Clothes - £100
- Presents/gifts - £50
- Days out - £150

Use the list to work out how much this person might need to earn each month. Explore which items are essential and which you could do without.

- Do you think it is possible to save some money each month?
- Can you think of any other expenses someone may have?



## KS1 follow-up ideas

### Option 1

There are many different jobs/roles within the NHS. Using resource 1 to help you, think about the following:

- Which NHS job do you think you would enjoy the most/least?
- Which NHS job do you think you would be good at?
- Does everyone feel the same?
- Are there any jobs within the NHS that you would like to find out more about?

Look at the question openers: what, who, why, when, how, where. Use them to help you write a question. Don't forget to include a question mark too!

### Option 2

Set up a hospital role-play area. Think about the following:

- Who will be the receptionist, nurse, porter, patient etc?
- How many patients do we need to see?
- Who is first, second, next, last?
- How will we check they are okay? Can you measure their temperature? Can you measure their pulse rate?
- What is wrong with them?
- What do we need to help them feel better? Bandages, medicine etc?



## This week's useful websites

### This week's news story

[www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/63532539](http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/63532539)

### This week's useful video

Nurses in demand

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zM7dOpKT1o](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zM7dOpKT1o)

### This week's Virtual Picture News

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)

## This week's vocabulary

### Conditions

The physical situations, circumstances or factors that someone is in and affected by.

... nurses have voted to take action to strike as they believe their conditions and pay are not fair.

### Crucial

Extremely important or necessary.

Nurses have a crucial role within healthcare from the very start to the end of our lives.

### Healthcare

The activity or business of providing medical services. She also reports that the strike is for patients as well as workers, because staffing shortages are impacting access to healthcare across the UK.

### Strike

To refuse to continue working because of a disagreement with an employer about working conditions, pay levels, or job losses. For the first time, nurses have voted to take action to strike as they believe their conditions and pay are not fair.

### Union

An organisation that represents the people who work in a particular industry, protects their rights and may agree pay, working conditions etc. with their employers. Nurses in the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) union has voted for its first UK-wide strike in its 106-year history.

### Vital

Essential or necessary.

It is vital that the important job they do is rewarded with fair working conditions.