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THE CLOWN DOCTOR

All over the world, children in hospital are being treated with a new kind of medicine: **laughter.** LUCY is 23 and works for *Theodora Children’s Trust*. She is one of many clown doctors who bring a smile to the faces of sick children.

**“**I’m a Theodora clown doctor, I call myself Dr LooLoo. I spend two days a week in children’s hospitals being extremely silly with my friend and colleague Dr. Chequers. We make funny faces, tell jokes, and do magic tricks. As I walk into the **wards** I blow bubbles, shake hands with the kids, and make up **nonsense** songs for those children well enough to sing. We take special balloons to make ‘balloon animals’ and tell funny stories about them. We often meet kids who one week look really sick, then we go back the next week and they’re racing about **yelling** ‘Hi there, Dr LooLoo! Hi Dr Chequers!’

I’m naturally a very **cheerful** person. I’ve always been a clown. In fact, my father’s a clown and I started working with him when I was eight years old. I knew it was just the job for me and I became a clown doctor because I think it’s a great way to cheer up sick, frightened children in hospital. I wear a **fancy** coat, a yellow shirt, and tights with big stripes. Also, I have a red rubber nose and wear my hair in crazy **plaits**.

Being a clown in a hospital is very tiring both physically and emotionally. We have to learn not to show our feelings, otherwise we’d be useless. Clown doctors are sensitive but this is not a side most people see. To the children, we’re happy all the time. I’m still learning to allow myself to feel sad occasionally. There are special kids you get really close to. At the moment, I’m working with a very sick little girl from Bosnia who speaks no English, so our only common language is laughter. She’s been in and out of hospital for operations so many times and she’s always on my mind.

 At lunchtime, we eat in the hospital cafeteria and that’s really useful because we meet the nurses and doctors. They tell us about particular kids who they think will benefit from a clown doctor visit. If a child is frightened, perhaps they’re being given an injection or some nasty medicine - we can distract them so the nurses can do their job.

About six o’clock Dr Chequers and I take off our make-up and change our clothes. We’re totally exhausted. Sometimes I have a night out with friends, it helps me **unwind**. When I finally fall into bed, I **crash** **out**. At weekends, we are often asked to participate in events to raise money for *Theodora Children’s Trust*. It’s a charity; so, we are paid with the money people give. Being a clown doctor makes the worries of everyday life seem small. All in all, I feel privileged to do this job.**”**

1. **Comprehension**
2. Who is Dr LooLoo? Who is Dr. Chequers?

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1. In what ways is their job ‘extremely silly’? give examples.

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1. How did Lucy become a Theodora clown doctor?

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1. Why does she like her job?

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1. What does she wear?

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1. Match the underlined words **in the text** with their meaning.
2. treated. b a- separate rooms in a hospital.
3. ward \_\_\_ b- give medical care.
4. nonsense\_\_\_ c- fall asleep.
5. yelling\_\_\_ d- a single length of hair or other flexible material made up strands.
6. cheerful\_\_\_ e- designed to impress.
7. fancy\_\_\_ f- relax after a period of work or tension.
8. plaits\_\_\_ g- noticeably happy and optimistic.
9. unwind\_\_\_ h- make a loud cry.
10. crash out\_\_\_ i- spoken or written words that have no meaning.
11. **Grammar**
12. Make the present simple.
13. (they / wear suits to work)? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
14. (he / not / say much) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
15. (she / know a lot about cooking) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
16. (I / not / leave work on time very often) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
17. Make the present continuous.
18. Hurry up! We …………………………………. for you. (wait)
19. ‘What are you ………………………………….?’ (do) ‘I …………………………………. letters.’ (write)
20. She doesn’t like to be disturbed when she ……………………………………. (work)
21. Present simple or present continuous?
22. María \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (work) for a TV station.
23. At the moment, she \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (travel) in the Sahara Desert.
24. Dan \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (love) wild animals.
25. He \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (not visit) Alaska at the moment.
26. Complete the sentences with the active or passive form of the Present Simple or Continuous.
27. We (have) *are having* a meeting, so can you ring back later?
28. Vienna (situate) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the southeast of Austria.
29. My bike (service) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the moment, so I’m taking the bus.
30. The UK financial year (start) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in April.
31. (work) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ now? I have to speak to you about something.