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 This text is from *Florence Nightingale* by Kay Barnham.

Florence Nightingale

Florence Nightingale was born in Britain in 1820. At the time, many people were poor and lived in terrible conditions. Florence was lucky because her family was rich.

Rich women at the time were not expected to work. Instead, they got married, had children and looked after the house. But Florence had a different dream – to be a nurse.

Florence trained to become a nurse and cared for poor and sick people. She loved her work, but wanted to do more.

In 1854, the British Army was fighting a war in another country. The army hospitals there needed nurses like Florence to help.



1 In what way was Florence lucky?

	AF2
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2 What was life like for lots of people in 1820? Write **one**.

	AF2
1 mark	

3 What were rich women expected to do? Write **two** things.

1 _____

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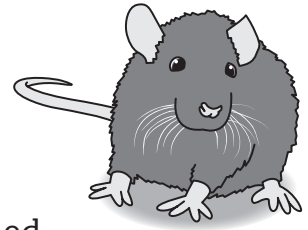
4 Why did the army hospitals need nurses to help?

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When Florence arrived with 38 other nurses, she was shocked at what she saw. The hospital wards were filthy and full of sick and dying men. Rats, cockroaches and lice spread disease around.

The nurses cared for the patients and cleaned the hospital. But men were still dying. Then they found that the water in the hospital was infected. After it was cleaned, fewer men died.



When Florence came home after the war, she was famous. There were stories about her in the newspapers. Florence was asked to help make army hospitals better. She looked at the number of deaths and blamed dirty conditions, poor food and disease.



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Look at this text. **Circle one word** which shows how dirty the hospital wards were.

 AF2
1 mark

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Even though the nurses had cleaned the hospital, men were still dying. Why? Write **one** reason.

 AF3
1 mark

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What did Florence think caused many deaths in army hospitals? Tick **two** reasons.

poor food ☐

rich people ☐

infected water ☐

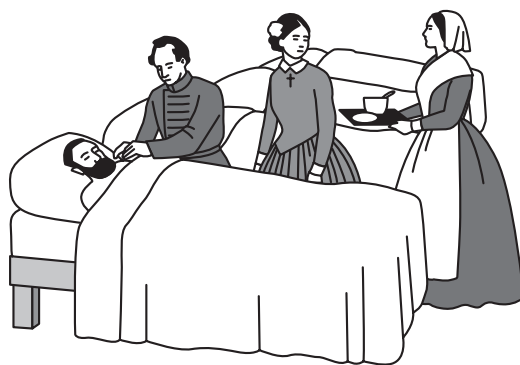
dirty conditions ☐

poor people ☐

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In 1860, Florence started a school for nurses. Her students went to lessons and trained on wards too. Florence thought hospitals should be clean and bright and that there should be different wards for patients with deadly diseases.



In 1907, the King gave Florence a special award for her work caring for soldiers. It was the first time the award had been given to a woman. Florence died in 1910. Every year, nurses around the world celebrate International Nurses Day on 12th May. This was Florence's birthday.

8 Why do you think Florence wanted patients with deadly diseases to be on different wards?

1 mark AF3

9 The King gave Florence a special award. Why was this award unusual?

1 mark AF3

10 Why is 12th May an important day for nurses around the world?

1 mark AF3

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These questions are about the whole text.

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Number these sentences about Florence **in the order** in which they happened. The first one has been done for you.

- ☒ 1 Florence trained to become a nurse.
- ☐ Florence received an award from the King.
- ☐ Florence helped in the army hospitals.
- ☐ Florence started a school for nurses.

AF4
1 mark

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Florence's work was very important.
Tick **two** important things that she did.

- She looked after sick people. ☐
- She helped to clean up the streets. ☐
- She helped make army hospitals cleaner. ☐
- She looked after her rich family. ☐
- She helped the army fight. ☐

AF3
2 marks

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Which of the following headings would best fit the information on page 22? Tick **one**.

- Florence's Dream ☐
- Death and Disease ☐
- A School for Nurses ☐
- An Award for Florence ☐

AF4
1 mark

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