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FOCUS B1+

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Students' Book

1 LEAD IN Discuss the questions.

- 1 How many different jobs in the medical profession can you think of?
- 2 What kind of daily tasks do you think each job involves?
- 3 Do you know someone who works in medicine? Tell your partner about them.

2 095 Read and listen to three medical practitioners. What examples do they give of things that give them job satisfaction?

EXAM FOCUS

3 Read the text again and answer the questions.

Which person (A–C)

- 1 talks about his/her working hours?
- 2 spent a period of time working with a charity?
- 3 gives specific examples of when he/she gave first aid?
- 4 mentions an irritating element of his/her job?
- 5 explains his/her reasons for choosing a particular job?
- 6 understands it's his/her duty to deal with a variety of different situations?
- 7 is happy to provide medical assistance when not at work?

FOCUS ON WORDS Medical problems

4 096 Complete the collocations with a noun or adjective from the words in blue in the text. Then listen, check and repeat.

- 1 a food/a **nut** allergy
- 2 a stable/a _____ condition
- 3 a deep/a _____ cut
- 4 a flu/a _____ epidemic
- 5 a muscle/a _____ pain
- 6 a local/a _____ surgery
- 7 a rescue/an _____ team
- 8 a maternity/a _____ ward

5 Use appropriate collocations in Exercise 4 to answer the comprehension questions. Then check your answers in the text.

- 1 Where does Dr Young usually treat patients?
- 2 What did he once treat a teenager for?
- 3 Why did Sonia Costa decide to work in Yemen?
- 4 Which ward did she work on in the hospital?
- 5 What kind of calls does Sally James get annoyed with?
- 6 What sort of situations is she trained to deal with?

Life in Medicine – Three Snapshots

If you like surprises, and can face dealing with accidents, injuries, births and deaths, medicine is for you. For those of you considering a career in medicine, three people give a snapshot of their medical life.

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A Dr Richard Young told us about the more unusual and unexpected locations where he's used his medical skills.

'I'm a doctor, and I work in a **doctors' surgery** where I treat patients, write prescriptions, and generally help people recover from illnesses and injuries. But that's only part of the story!

I've given people first aid in public places several times – once I helped a man who collapsed in a park. Another time, a teenager was suffering from a **nut allergy**.

On flights, nervous passengers often have panic attacks and doctors are asked to calm them down. When I hear "Is there

a doctor on board?" I always offer my help. Once, on a flight from London to Los Angeles I helped a woman who was seriously ill. I spent the twelve-hour flight caring for her. I stayed with her after we landed until the ambulance arrived, which meant that I missed my connecting flight, but I was happy to help. In my job, saving lives must come first, even when I'm off duty!



WORD STORE 6E Health issues

6 097 Complete WORD STORE 6E using the underlined phrases in the text. Then listen, check and repeat.

7 098 Read the text and chose the correct options. Then listen and check.

I'm Doctor Roberts and I'm proud to say I've ¹*saved lives / given first aid* and helped many people. I've ²*given first aid / written prescriptions* in many unusual situations and I've even ³*caught a disease / delivered a baby* on a flight to New York – I'll never forget that flight and neither will the mother! But I've also had some less stressful experiences. Once, I was ⁴*gaining weight / treating a patient* for earache. The next time I saw him he told me he felt much better, but the medicine tasted awful. I'd ⁵*written a prescription / treated a patient* for eardrops – he wasn't supposed to drink it! Another time, an elderly lady came into my surgery after she had ⁶*given first aid / had a panic attack*. She told me I looked like her third husband. I asked her how many husbands she'd had. 'Two' she replied!

B Some nurses choose to work in extreme conditions, like war zones. Senior nurse Sonia Costa spent two months in Yemen as part of a Doctors without Borders² **emergency team**.

I decided to work in Yemen because, as a result of war, there was a **cholera epidemic** and over 620,000 people were suffering from the disease. In places where there's no clean food or water, people catch diseases easily.

5 I worked on the **children's ward** and one of my patients was a six-month-old baby boy who was so ill that he looked like a two-week-old. Each morning, I arrived at the hospital, afraid that I may not see the child in his bed. But finally, he started gaining weight and when he was well enough to go home, I was the happiest nurse in the hospital.'



8 Discuss the pros and cons of working as one of the medical professionals described in the text. What would be the best or worst thing? Think about the following:

- qualifications
- hours
- job satisfaction
- training
- salary

9 **FOCUS ON YOU** Would you consider a career in medicine? Why?/Why not?

C **Unpredictability is a daily reality for paramedics. Sally James says there is no such thing as a typical day.**

'I work a twelve-hour shift. I never know when I might have to try and save someone's life, but I stay calm, because if I panic, everybody else gets anxious too.'

5 Some days, nothing dramatic happens. The most common call is **stomach pain**, and we get a lot of non-emergency calls like toothaches or **shaving cuts** or people who say they've burned themselves on their

10 hair straighteners, which is annoying, but we have to take them seriously. While we're dealing with these time wasters, we may get a call from someone who really needs us, but there's nothing we can do about it.

15 We're not doctors, but we're highly trained to deal with **serious conditions** like heart attacks. But my favourite thing is delivering a baby. If I can start my day by getting someone's heart beating again, and end it 20 with childbirth, I'm happy!'


GLOSSARY / NOTES

1 **be off duty:** be outside of working hours.

2 **Doctors without Borders:** also known as Médecins Sans Frontières, is an international organisation helping people in war zones and developing countries.