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Working at the Hospital

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Have you ever visited the hospital? If you have, you've likely met doctors and nurses; but did you know there are other jobs that need to be completed at the hospital? In this informational text, Barbara Radner discusses who works at the hospital. As you read, take notes on what jobs are important at the hospital.

- [1] There are many jobs at the hospital. Some people work as nurses. Some people work as doctors. You probably know about those jobs. There are many other jobs at the hospital. If you are a patient in a hospital, you will meet different workers. It might start with the ambulance driver. That worker helps people get to the hospital quickly.



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Some workers take care of visitors to the hospital. The visitors have to sign in. The receptionist signs them in. The receptionist makes sure they can find the right places in the building. They are the first workers you will see when you come into a hospital.

Some workers make food at the hospital. They have a big kitchen. They cook food for the patients. Some patients need a special diet.¹ The cooks need to plan their meals carefully. They need to make sure they get good food.

Some workers help keep the hospital clean. It is very important that the building is clean. They clean all the rooms every day. People who are sick need to have really clean rooms. That helps them get better.

- [5] Some workers run a cafeteria. That is a place where people can get food. Patients get their food delivered to their rooms. The people who work at the hospital need to eat. They go to the cafeteria to get their food. There workers cook and serve food.

Some workers help with computers. Doctors need to use computers. So do most of the other workers. The people who help with computers show them how to use them. They fix the computers, too.

Each of these workers needs to learn skills. They keep learning even after they get their job. Doctors have the most to learn. They need to keep learning because medicine keeps changing.

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1. **Diet (noun):** the kinds of food that a person eats regularly

Text-Dependent Questions

Directions: For the following questions, choose the best answer or respond in complete sentences.

1. PART A: What is the main idea of the article?
 - A. The most important workers at the hospital are nurses and doctors.
 - B. Working at a hospital is a difficult job that few people can do.
 - C. Some of the jobs at the hospital are more necessary than others.
 - D. A hospital needs people to do many different types of jobs to run successfully.

2. PART B: Which quote from the text best supports the answer to Part A?
 - A. "There are many other jobs at the hospital. If you are a patient in a hospital, you will meet different workers." (Paragraph 1)
 - B. "They have a big kitchen. They cook food for the patients. Some patients need a special diet." (Paragraph 3)
 - C. "Patients get their food delivered to their rooms. The people who work at the hospital need to eat." (Paragraph 5)
 - D. "Doctors have the most to learn. They need to keep learning because medicine keeps changing." (Paragraph 7)

3. Which of the following happens between arriving at the hospital and seeing a doctor?
 - A. The patient talks with a receptionist.
 - B. The patient goes to the cafeteria.
 - C. The patient rides in an ambulance.
 - D. The patient recovers in a hospital room.

4. How is a clean hospital related to healthy patients?
