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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201217-healthcare-clowns.html>

An English adage says, "laughter is the best medicine". In these troubling times, good humour is in need more than ever. Doctors, and medical staff are taking heed of this and incorporating it into their care treatments. One product of this is the emergence of clown doctors and healthcare clowns in hospitals around the globe. There is even an organisation that sets standards. The European Federation of Healthcare Clowns Organisations was established in 2011. It says: "Healthcare clowns bring moments of happiness and distraction to children who are ill or who have special needs....Clowns also bring smiles to vulnerable adults, including seniors and people with dementia who are in hospital care."

Healthcare clowns are becoming especially popular in Israel, which is considered a world leader in the field. The first university ever to offer a Bachelor's degree in medical clowning was Haifa University, in 2007. One healthcare clown in Jerusalem, Leah Weiss, decided to divert her inner clown to help patients after a COVID-19 ward opened in March. She said she knew the clown in her would have therapeutic benefits for her patients. She wants to reduce their anxiety and improve their wellbeing. She enjoys working alongside doctors and said: "Obviously, the doctors, they take care of the body. And we come in and take care of the soul. And it integrates together - the doctors understand this."

Sources: <https://www.euronews.com/2020/12/14/clown-doctors-prove-that-laughter-is-the-best-medicine-but-they-need-support>
<http://www.efhco.eu/healthcare-clowning>
<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/.premium.MAGAZINE-meet-one-of-the-first-medical-clowns-in-an-israeli-covid-ward-1.9321659>

WARM-UPS

1. CLOWNS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about clowns. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

adage / laughter / medicine / treatments / hospitals / globe / happiness / smiles /
leader / degree / patients / therapeutic / benefits / anxiety / wellbeing / body / soul

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. THE BEST MEDICINE: Students A **strongly** believe laughter is the best medicine; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CLOWN AID: How could clowns help these people? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How?	Why?
Children		
World leaders		
Teachers		
Prisoners		
Soldiers		
Pilots		

5. LAUGHTER: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "laughter". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. MEDICINE: Rank these with your partner. Put the best medicine at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Laughter
- Sleep
- Hiking
- Vitamins
- Healthy food
- Reading
- TV
- Exercise

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------|--|
| 1. taking heed of | a. A thing that prevents someone from giving full attention to something else. |
| 2. incorporating | b. A serious disorder of the mental processes caused by brain disease or injury and marked by memory disorders, personality changes, and poor reasoning. |
| 3. emergence | c. Paying attention to. |
| 4. standards | d. Combining different things into one. |
| 5. distraction | e. Required or agreed levels of quality. |
| 6. vulnerable | f. Of a person in need of special care, support, or protection because of age, disability, or risk of abuse or neglect. |
| 7. dementia | g. The process of coming into being, or of becoming important. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. considered | h. A feeling of great worry, nervousness, or unease. |
| 9. degree | i. Having a good effect on the body or mind; contributing to a sense of well-being. |
| 10. divert | j. A separate room in a hospital, typically one allocated to a particular type of patient. |
| 11. ward | k. Thought to be. |
| 12. therapeutic | l. Combines one thing with another so that they become a whole. |
| 13. anxiety | m. An academic qualification given by a college or university after a course of study. |
| 14. integrates | n. Cause something to change course or turn from one direction to another. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201217-healthcare-clowns.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article says laughter is needed with troubled people. **T / F**
- b. Healthcare clowns are becoming more and more common worldwide. **T / F**
- c. There is a European healthcare clown organisation that sets standards. **T / F**
- d. The organisation says healthcare clowns help those with dementia. **T / F**
- e. The article says Israel wants to be a world leader in healthcare clowning. **T / F**
- f. The first healthcare clown degree started in Israel. **T / F**
- g. A healthcare clown wanted to use her outer clown to help patients. **T / F**
- h. A woman said healthcare clowns take care of the soul. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. adage | a. therapies |
| 2. taking heed of | b. healing |
| 3. treatments | c. mental illness |
| 4. sets | d. reroute |
| 5. dementia | e. paying attention to |
| 6. considered | f. worry |
| 7. divert | g. saying |
| 8. therapeutic | h. thought |
| 9. anxiety | i. combines |
| 10. integrates | j. establishes |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. laughter is the | a. distraction to children |
| 2. In these troubling times, good | b. to vulnerable adults |
| 3. medical staff are taking | c. care of the soul |
| 4. bring moments of happiness and | d. heed of this |
| 5. Clowns also bring smiles | e. to help patients |
| 6. considered a world leader | f. anxiety |
| 7. divert her inner clown | g. best medicine |
| 8. the clown in her would have | h. in the field |
| 9. reduce their | i. therapeutic benefits |
| 10. we come in and take | j. humour is in need |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201217-healthcare-clowns.html>

An English adage says, "laughter is the best (1) _____. In these troubling times, good humour is in need more than ever. Doctors, and medical staff are taking (2) _____ of this and incorporating it into their care treatments. One product of this is the (3) _____ of clown doctors and healthcare clowns in hospitals around the (4) _____. There is even an organisation that sets standards. The European Federation of Healthcare Clowns Organisations was (5) _____ in 2011. It says: "Healthcare clowns bring moments of happiness and (6) _____ to children who are ill or who have special (7) _____. Clowns also bring smiles to vulnerable adults, including seniors and people with (8) _____ who are in hospital care."

medicine
emergence
established
needs
dementia
heed
distraction
globe

Healthcare clowns are becoming especially (9) _____ in Israel, which is considered a world leader in the (10) _____. The first university ever to offer a Bachelor's degree in medical clowning was Haifa University, in 2007. One healthcare clown in Jerusalem, Leah Weiss, decided to divert her (11) _____ clown to help patients after a COVID-19 ward opened in March. She said she knew the clown in her would have therapeutic (12) _____ for her patients. She wants to reduce their (13) _____ and improve their wellbeing. She enjoys working (14) _____ doctors and said: "Obviously, the doctors, they take care of the (15) _____. And we come in and take care of the soul. And it (16) _____ together - the doctors understand this."

inner
anxiety
body
popular
integrates
benefits
field
alongside

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) An English adage says laughter is _____
 - a. the beast medicine
 - b. the bust medicine
 - c. the best medicine
 - d. the blessed medicine
- 2) good humour is in need more than ever. Doctors, and medical staff are taking _____
 - a. head of this
 - b. heed of this
 - c. herd of this
 - d. hoard of this
- 3) around the globe. There is even an organisation _____
 - a. that's set standards
 - b. that's sets standards
 - c. that set standards
 - d. that sets standards
- 4) It says healthcare clowns bring moments of _____
 - a. happiness end distraction
 - b. happiness and destruction
 - c. happiness and distraction
 - d. happiness and distinction
- 5) Clowns also bring smiles to vulnerable adults, including seniors and _____
 - a. people with dementia
 - b. people within deem mention
 - c. people wither demon shall
 - d. people within dementia
- 6) in Israel, which is considered a world leader _____
 - a. in a field
 - b. in them field
 - c. inner field
 - d. in the field
- 7) The first university ever to offer _____
 - a. a Bachelor's degree
 - b. a Bachelor's decree
 - c. a Bachelor's dig agree
 - d. a Bachelor's degrees
- 8) One healthcare clown in Jerusalem, Leah Weiss, decided to divert _____
 - a. her inert clown
 - b. her in a clown
 - c. her on a clown
 - d. her inner clown
- 9) benefits for her patients. She wants to reduce their anxiety and _____
 - a. improves their wellbeing
 - b. improve their wellbeing
 - c. improved their wellbeing
 - d. imp prove their wellbeing
- 10) the doctors, they take care of the body. And we come in and take care _____
 - a. of the sole
 - b. of the shoal
 - c. of the sol
 - d. of the soul

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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An English adage says, "laughter is (1) _____. In these troubling times, good humour is in need more than ever. Doctors, and medical staff (2) _____ of this and incorporating it into their care treatments. One product of this is (3) _____ clown doctors and healthcare clowns in hospitals around the globe. There is even an organisation (4) _____. The European Federation of Healthcare Clowns Organisations was established in 2011. It says: "Healthcare clowns bring (5) _____ and distraction to children who are ill or who have special needs....Clowns also bring smiles to vulnerable adults, including seniors and people (6) _____ are in hospital care."

Healthcare clowns are becoming (7) _____ Israel, which is considered a world leader in the field. The first university ever to offer a Bachelor's (8) _____ clowning was Haifa University, in 2007. One healthcare clown in Jerusalem, Leah Weiss, (9) _____ her inner clown to help patients after a COVID-19 ward opened in March. She said she knew the clown in her would have therapeutic (10) _____ patients. She wants to reduce their anxiety and improve their wellbeing. She enjoys working alongside doctors and said: "Obviously, the doctors, they (11) _____ the body. And we come in and take care of the soul. And (12) _____ - the doctors understand this."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201217-healthcare-clowns.html>

1. What does an adage say is the best medicine?
2. What are hospitals incorporating in their care?
3. When was a healthcare clown organisation established?
4. What do the clowns bring children besides moments of distraction?
5. What vulnerable adults did an organisation mention besides seniors?
6. Where are healthcare clowns becoming particularly popular?
7. When did the first healthcare clown degree start?
8. What did a healthcare clown want to divert to help patients?
9. What did a healthcare clown say she could reduce in patients?
10. What did a healthcare clown say she took care of?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201217-healthcare-clowns.html>

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1) What does an adage say is the best medicine?
a) positive thinking
b) sleep
c) drugs
d) laughter | 6) Where are healthcare clowns becoming particularly popular?
a) Brazil
b) Israel
c) Sri Lanka
d) Namibia |
| 2) What are hospitals incorporating in their care?
a) medicine
b) healthcare clowns
c) good times
d) new measures | 7) When did the first healthcare clown degree start?
a) 2010
b) 2009
c) 2008
d) 2007 |
| 3) When was a healthcare clown organisation established?
a) 2010
b) 2009
c) 2011
d) 2012 | 8) What did a healthcare clown want to divert to help patients?
a) her inner clown
b) her thoughts
c) the traffic
d) doctors |
| 4) What do the clowns bring children besides moments of distraction?
a) (moments of) happiness
b) presents
c) sweets
d) news | 9) What did a healthcare clown say she could reduce in patients?
a) stress
b) worry
c) anxiety
d) hypertension |
| 5) What vulnerable adults did an organisation mention besides seniors?
a) the homeless
b) people with heart problems
c) people with dementia
d) people with cancer | 10) What did a healthcare clown say she took care of?
a) herself
b) the soul
c) sick patients
d) the washing |

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201217-healthcare-clowns.html>

Role A – Laughter

You think laughter is the best medicine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least medicinal of these (and why): sleep, healthy food or reading.

Role B – Sleep

You think sleep is the best medicine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least medicinal of these (and why): laughter, healthy food or reading.

Role C – Healthy Food

You think healthy food is the best medicine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least medicinal of these (and why): sleep, laughter or reading.

Role D – Reading

You think reading is the best medicine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least medicinal of these (and why): sleep, healthy food or laughter.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201217-healthcare-clowns.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'healthcare' and 'clown'.

healthcare	clown

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• medicine• ever• product• globe• 2011• ill	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• especially• first• inner• benefits• alongside• soul
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CLOWNS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about clowns in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HEALTHCARE CLOWNS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'clown'?
3. What do you think of clowns?
4. What do you think of the idea of healthcare clowns?
5. Do you think laughter is the best medicine?
6. Why might laughter be the best medicine?
7. What kind of training might a healthcare clown need?
8. Would you be a good healthcare clown?
9. What else could hospitals do to bring smiles to children?
10. What else can we do to make people with dementia laugh?

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HEALTHCARE CLOWNS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'laughter'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Why do many people think clowns are scary?
15. What might you learn on a healthcare clown degree?
16. To what extent is there an inner clown in you?
17. What other things could clowns do to help society?
18. What do you need to take care of your soul?
19. What helps reduce your anxiety?
20. What questions would you like to ask a healthcare clown?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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An English adage says, "laughter is the best (1) ____". In these troubling times, good humour is in need more than ever. Doctors, and medical staff are taking (2) ____ of this and incorporating it into their care treatments. One product of this is the (3) ____ of clown doctors and healthcare clowns in hospitals around the globe. There is even an organisation that (4) ____ standards. The European Federation of Healthcare Clowns Organisations was established in 2011. It says: "Healthcare clowns bring moments of happiness and (5) ____ to children who are ill or who have special needs....Clowns also bring smiles to vulnerable adults, including seniors and people with (6) ____ who are in hospital care."

Healthcare clowns are becoming especially popular in Israel, which is considered a world leader in the (7) _____. The first university ever to (8) _____ a Bachelor's degree in medical clowning was Haifa University, in 2007. One healthcare clown in Jerusalem, Leah Weiss, decided to divert her (9) _____ clown to help patients after a COVID-19 ward opened in March. She said she knew the clown in her would have (10) _____ benefits for her patients. She wants to reduce their anxiety and improve their (11) _____. She enjoys working alongside doctors and said: "Obviously, the doctors, they take care of the body. And we come in and take care of the (12) _____. And it integrates together - the doctors understand this."

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | |
|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. (a) drugs | (b) medicine | (c) cure | (d) antidote |
| 2. (a) head | (b) herd | (c) heed | (d) hind |
| 3. (a) emerges | (b) emerged | (c) emergence | (d) emerge |
| 4. (a) wets | (b) lets | (c) bets | (d) sets |
| 5. (a) distraction | (b) disruption | (c) distinction | (d) derision |
| 6. (a) absentia | (b) dementia | (c) militia | (d) inertia |
| 7. (a) patch | (b) paddy | (c) pitch | (d) field |
| 8. (a) refer | (b) offer | (c) defer | (d) infer |
| 9. (a) sinner | (b) winner | (c) inner | (d) dinner |
| 10. (a) reputation | (b) pneumatic | (c) thesis | (d) therapeutic |
| 11. (a) goodly | (b) betterment | (c) well done | (d) wellbeing |
| 12. (a) soul | (b) sole | (c) soil | (d) seal |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. An English gdaae
2. crnrpoaiitong it into their care
3. the eeegrnmce of clown doctors
4. an organisation that sets adntasdrs
5. tdcrastiion to children
6. people with emdneita

Paragraph 2

7. clowns are becoming cpeislaely popular
8. a Bachelor's ergdee
9. rteapeuthic benefits
10. reduce their nxiatey
11. improve their elwebling
12. it neiargttes together

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201217-healthcare-clowns.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Haifa University, in 2007. One healthcare clown in Jerusalem, Leah Weiss, decided to divert her inner
- () need more than ever. Doctors, and medical staff are taking heed of this and incorporating it into their care
- () Healthcare Clowns Organisations was established in 2011. It says: "Healthcare clowns bring
- () moments of happiness and distraction to children who are ill or who have special needs....Clowns also bring smiles
- () wellbeing. She enjoys working alongside doctors and said: "Obviously, the doctors, they take
- () field. The first university ever to offer a Bachelor's degree in medical clowning was
- () Healthcare clowns are becoming especially popular in Israel, which is considered a world leader in the
- () treatments. One product of this is the emergence of clown doctors and healthcare clowns in hospitals around
- () to vulnerable adults, including seniors and people with dementia who are in hospital care."
- (**1**) An English adage says, "laughter is the best medicine". In these troubling times, good humour is in
- () benefits for her patients. She wants to reduce their anxiety and improve their
- () care of the body. And we come in and take care of the soul. And it integrates together - the doctors understand this."
- () clown to help patients after a COVID-19 ward opened in March. She said she knew the clown in her would have therapeutic
- () the globe. There is even an organisation that sets standards. The European Federation of

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201217-healthcare-clowns.html>

1. best An the medicine . is says adage laughter
2. staff taking Medical are of heed this .
3. standards . There even organisation an sets that is
4. moments happiness distraction Bring and to of children .
5. Clowns bring to vulnerable smiles also adults .
6. especially in are Healthcare Israel . becoming popular clowns
7. offer first to a degree . Bachelor's university The
8. to help her inner Divert clown patients .
9. their and anxiety Reduce improve their wellbeing .
10. in care take and of Come the soul .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201217-healthcare-clowns.html>

An English *badge / adage* says, "laughter is the best medicine". In these troubling times, good humour is in *need / needy* more than ever. Doctors, and medical staff are taking *head / heed* of this and incorporating it into their care treatments. One *produce / product* of this is the *emergence / emerges* of clown doctors and healthcare clowns in hospitals around the globe. There is even an organisation that *bets / sets* standards. The European Federation of Healthcare Clowns Organisations was established *on / in* 2011. It says: "Healthcare clowns bring *momentary / moments* of happiness and distraction to children who are ill or who have special needs....Clowns also bring smiles to *vulnerable / vulnerability* adults, including seniors and people with dementia who are *in / on* hospital care."

Healthcare clowns are becoming especially popular in Israel, which is *considered / considering* a world leader in the field. The first university ever to offer a Bachelor's *decree / degree* in medical clowning was Haifa University, in 2007. One healthcare clown in Jerusalem, Leah Weiss, decided to *diverse / divert* her inner clown to help *patience / patients* after a COVID-19 ward opened in March. She said she knew the clown *in / on* her would have therapeutic *beneficial / benefits* for her patients. She wants to reduce their anxiety and *improve / reprove* their wellbeing. She enjoys working alongside doctors and said: "*Obviously / Imperviously*, the doctors, they take care of the body. And we come in and take care of the *sole / soul*. And it *integrates / ingratiates* together - the doctors understand this."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201217-healthcare-clowns.html>

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201217-healthcare-clowns.html>

an english adage says laughter is the best medicine in these troubling times good humour is in need more than ever doctors and medical staff are taking heed of this and incorporating it into their care treatments one product of this is the emergence of clown doctors and healthcare clowns in hospitals around the globe there is even an organisation that sets standards the european federation of healthcare clowns organisations was established in 2011 it says healthcare clowns bring moments of happiness and distraction to children who are ill or who have special needs clowns also bring smiles to vulnerable adults including seniors and people with dementia who are in hospital care

healthcare clowns are becoming especially popular in israel which is considered a world leader in the field the first university ever to offer a bachelors degree in medical clowning was haifa university in 2007 one healthcare clown in jerusalem leah weiss decided to divert her inner clown to help patients after a covid19 ward opened in march she said she knew the clown in her would have therapeutic benefits for her patients she wants to reduce their anxiety and improve their wellbeing she enjoys working alongside doctors and said obviously the doctors they take care of the body and we come in and take care of the soul and it integrates together the doctors understand this

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201217-healthcare-clowns.html>

Write about **clowns** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/201217-healthcare-clowns.html>

All hospitals, clinics and dentists need healthcare clowns. Discuss.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CLOWNS: Make a poster about clowns. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. HEALTHCARE CLOWNS: Write a magazine article about healthcare clowns. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against using them in hospitals.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on clowns. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on healthcare clowns. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. g 4. e 5. a 6. f 7. b
8. k 9. m 10. n 11. j 12. i 13. h 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c T d T e F f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. e	3. a	4. j	5. c
6. h	7. d	8. b	9. f	10. i

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Laughter
2. Healthcare clowns
3. 2011
4. (Moments of) happiness
5. People with dementia
6. Israel
7. 2007
8. Her inner clown
9. Anxiety
10. The soul

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. An adage says laughter is the best medicine.
2. Medical staff are taking heed of this.
3. There is even an organisation that sets standards.
4. Bring moments of happiness and distraction to children.
5. Clowns also bring smiles to vulnerable adults.
6. Healthcare clowns are becoming especially popular in Israel.
7. The first university to offer a Bachelor's degree.
8. Divert her inner clown to help patients.
9. Reduce their anxiety and improve their wellbeing.
10. Come in and take care of the soul.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)