

Florence the Nurse

Florence was a young nurse
Long ago, during the **Crimean** war
Outbreaks of deadly diseases
Rats running around the hospitals
Every hurt soldier
Not having clean beds
Carrying a candle torch
Every room visited



No more rats running around
In came the cleaners!
Grime gone
Healthy food to eat
Tasty soups made
Injured men **surviving**
No more sleeping on the floor
Gleaming floors and toilets
An **amazing** angel
Lady with the lamp
Everyone **thankful**



The Nurse that Carried a Lamp



Once upon a time
Lived a lady with a lamp
Who went out of her way to help
Get rid of the dirt and damp

This lady's name was Florence
And famous she became
She worked in hospitals during a war
And **cleanliness** was her aim

She saw many injured soldiers
Who were hurt badly during the fight
Wounds were bandaged and soldiers fed
But some would not **survive** the night

Florence wanted to make a difference
And knew she needed to clean up the place
The dirt and cold were removed
And the soldiers were looked after with grace

After the war she was famous
Florence had saved so many boys
The newspapers described her **bravery**
And so many families were full of joys



Back in London she opened a **college**
To teach what nursing is about
Books she wrote and talks she made
An **inspiration** no **doubt!**

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Florence the Nurse – Follow-Up Work

What are the two poems about?

What type of poem is 'Florence the Nurse' and how do you know?

Do you think Florence was an important person? Why?

Give examples of alliteration that you can see in the poems.

Who do you think the writer is describing as 'An amazing angel'?

Why are no full stops used in the poems?

Why do each of the lines begin with a capital letter?

Which poem do you prefer? Explain your answer.

Do you think Florence lived a long time ago? How do you know?

If you could meet Florence, what would you like to ask her and why?

Why do you think the title of one poem is 'Florence the Nurse'?

Florence the Nurse – Vocab 1

Write the meaning of each of the words.

Crimean _____

outbreaks _____

grime _____

surviving _____

gleaming _____

amazing _____

thankful _____

cleanliness _____

wounds _____

survive _____

bravery _____

college _____

inspiration _____

doubt _____

Florence the Nurse – Vocab 2

Match the word to its meaning.

doubt

very clean

grime

not sure

gleaming

injury

survive

dirt

wound

to live

Use the words below in a sentence. Don't forget to use the correct punctuation.

grime _____

college _____

inspiration _____

The words below are jumbled up. Rearrange them to find the word. Use the clues to help you.

uvsvier

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tdbou

to live

a place where
adults go to learn

unsure

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Florence the Nurse – SPAG

Draw a line to match each sentence with its correct type.

Florence was a nurse.

question

How did Florence help the soldiers?

command

Clean up the hospital.

statement

There were rats everywhere!

exclamation

Tick the correct word to complete the sentence

_____? _____ Florence looked after the soldiers, many of them survived.

tick one

but

because

or

that

Write the past tense of the verb *clean* in the sentence below.

Florence will clean the hospital and help the soldiers.

Florence _____ the hospital and helped the soldiers.

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Florence the Nurse – Oral Teacher Questions

What are the two poems about? **A nurse during the Crimean war called Florence Nightingale.**

What type of poem is 'Florence the Nurse' and how do you know? **Acrostic. The words Florence Nightingale are written down the side and start the sentences.**

Do you think Florence was an important person? Why? **Yes she helped the soldiers get better and helped to clean up the hospital.**

Give examples of alliteration that you can see in the poems. **An amazing angel. Grime gone.**

Who do you think the writer is describing as 'An amazing angel'? **Florence.**

Why are no full stops used in the poems? **Full stops are not used in poems. The lines are not full sentences.**

Why do each of the lines begin with a capital letter? **Lines in a poem begin with capital letters.**

Which poem do you prefer? Explain your answer. **Personal response.**

Do you think Florence lived a long time ago? How do you know? **Yes. The pictures show she lived a long time ago. The hospital was dirty unlike hospitals today.**

If you could meet Florence, what would you like to ask her and why? **Personal response.**

Why do you think the title of one poem is 'Florence the Nurse'? **The poem is about Florence who was a nurse.**

Write the meaning of each of the words.

Crimean – linked to an area called Crimea

outbreaks – something which is not wanted that happens quickly

grime – dirt

surviving – to live

gleaming – very clean, sparkling

amazing – impressive, excellent

thankful – to give thanks

cleanliness – to keep things clean

wounds – injuries, hurt

survive – to live

bravery – courage

college – a place for adults to learn

inspiration – to be like someone, to inspire people

doubt – uncertain, not sure on something

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ANSWERS

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