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Patient admissions

- talk about hospital jobs and personnel
- talk about hospital departments and facilities
- handle admissions
- check in a patient



Hospital jobs and personnel

Vocabulary 1 Look at the picture and match the job titles a–i with the hospital personnel 1–9.

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|---|--|--|
| a) ☐ charge nurse / sister | d) ☐ paramedic | g) ☐ surgeon |
| b) ☐ cleaner | e) ☐ porter | h) ☐ triage nurse |
| c) ☐ consultant | f) ☐ receptionist | i) ☐ scrub nurse |

2 Read and choose the best description 1–9 for each job in 1.

- 1 I'm responsible for keeping the patient rooms clean.
- 2 I give emergency treatment to accident victims and then transport them to hospital by ambulance.
- 3 I deal with patient details and check their hospital records.
- 4 I am a senior doctor and I specialise in a certain area of medicine.
- 5 I'm responsible for making sure the most urgent cases are treated by the doctor as quickly as possible.
- 6 I look after patients during surgery and after their operations.
- 7 I assist the medical staff by transporting patients from one department to another.
- 8 I am responsible for running a ward. I deal with budgets and with employing staff.
- 9 I carry out operations on patients. I usually specialise in a particular type of surgery.

Language

Present simple v present continuous

We use the **present simple** to talk about routines and things that are permanent or happen all the time.

She **works** on the children's ward.

Auxiliaries **don't administer** medication.

We use the **present continuous** to talk about things that take place at the time of speaking and are not permanent.

I'm studying for my nursing diploma.

We **aren't running** the clinic at the moment.

Reading 3 Read the interview with a practice nurse and underline the correct verb forms.



Reena Chaudry: *practice nurse*

AGE: 33 years old HOME: Hyderabad, India

'I ¹*work* / *'m working* as a practice nurse in a big doctor's surgery. This is my first job since graduation. I ²*like* / *'m liking* the fact that every day is different. Practice nurses ³*carry out* / *are carrying out* a lot of routine procedures; they ⁴*change* / *are changing* dressings and ⁵*treat* / *are treating* wounds, etc. I ⁶*am* / *am being* also responsible for giving health checks and advising patients; I ⁷*give* / *'m giving* them advice on healthy eating, for example and on health conditions such as asthma or diabetes. At the moment, with a colleague, we ⁸*run* / *are running* a clinic for patients with diabetes. It's very interesting. and I ⁹*learn* / *'m learning* a lot about how to deal with this condition. Like most nurses, I ¹⁰*don't have* / *'m not having* a lot of free time, but I ¹¹*like going* / *'m liking going* to the cinema when I can. I also ¹²*play* / *'m playing* the sitar in a classical music group.'

Listening 4  02 You're going to hear an interview with Carlos da Silva. Listen and answer this question.



Carlos da Silva: *agency nurse*

AGE: 35 years old HOME: Auckland, New Zealand

What area of nursing does he specialise in?

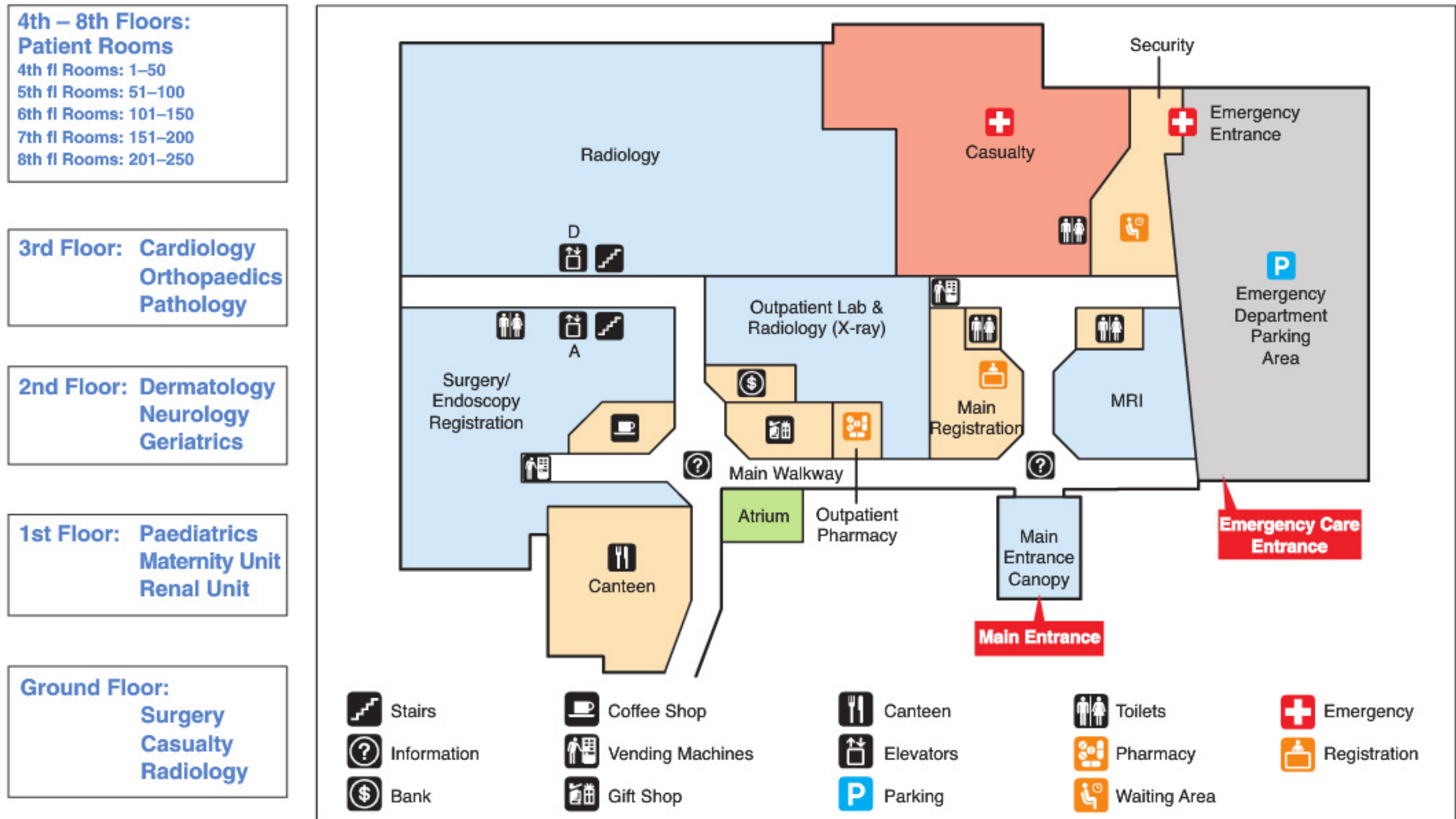
- a) renal care
- b) paediatrics
- c) emergency medicine

5 Listen again. Copy and complete the sentences about Carlos.

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| 1 He specialises in ... | 5 This week, he's ... |
| 2 At the moment, he's working in ... | 6 In his job, he likes / doesn't like ... |
| 3 He's looking after ... | 7 In the future, he hopes to ... |
| 4 Every day, he ... | 8 In his free time ... |

Speaking 6 Work in pairs. Take turns to choose one of the sentences in 5 and ask your partner questions. Then introduce your partner to the class.

Hospital departments and facilities



Vocabulary 1 Use the words in the box to complete the definitions of these hospital departments.

babies children elderly emergency cases exercises heart kidney
nervous system operations skin disorders test results X-rays

- 1 **Casualty** is the place where they treat _____.
- 2 **Surgery** is where surgeons carry out _____.
- 3 Medical staff in the **Renal** Unit specialise in _____ diseases.
- 4 The **Dermatology** Department is where they deal with _____.
- 5 Specialists in **Geriatrics** treat problems related to the _____.
- 6 **Pathology** is where they analyse patient _____.
- 7 Midwives deliver _____ in the **Maternity** Unit.
- 8 **Paediatrics** is where they treat _____.
- 9 Patients with _____ disease visit **Cardiology**.
- 10 The **Radiology** Department is where they take _____.
- 11 Disorders of the _____ are treated in the **Neurology** Department.
- 12 In the **Physiotherapy** Department, patients learn special _____ to help them recover.

Pronunciation 2 03 Put the words in bold from 1 into the correct box according to their stress pattern. Then listen and check your answers. Listen again and repeat.

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	<i>Surgery</i>			<i>Dermatology</i>	

Speaking 3 Work in pairs. Take turns to ask and answer questions about the location of other places in the hospital. Use questions like these.

Excuse me; I'm looking for the ...

Sorry, where is / are the ...?

Do you know where the ... is / are?