

Florence Nightingale: A Journey of Care

Learning objective: To understand the significant contributions of Florence Nightingale to nursing and hospital hygiene in the 19th century.

Ellie the elephant has been reading about history and needs your help to sequence the life of Florence Nightingale. Read the events listed below and number them from 1 to 6 to show the correct chronological order, starting with her early life and ending with her lasting legacy.

Word bank: Scutari · Crimean War · Lamp · Hygiene · Nurses · Hospital

1. **1. Florence Nightingale is born into a wealthy family in Italy (1820). (1 mark)**
2. **2. She travels to the Scutari hospital to help soldiers during the Crimean War. (1 mark)**
3. **3. She notices the hospital is dirty and introduces new rules for cleanliness and fresh air. (1 mark)**
4. **4. Florence walks the wards at night with her lamp to check on the soldiers. (1 mark)**
5. **5. She returns home to England and sets up a training school for nurses. (1 mark)**
6. **6. Her changes to hospital standards save many lives and change nursing forever. (1 mark)**

Draw: Draw a picture of Florence Nightingale carrying her famous lamp through a dark hospital ward. Include details like clean bandages and a tidy bed to show her focus on hygiene.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a nurse working with Florence Nightingale. Write a short diary entry (3-4 sentences) describing one thing you did today to help make the hospital cleaner and safer for the patients.