

Learning about Mary Seacole with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To learn about the life of Mary Seacole and why she is remembered today.

Read the story about Mary Seacole. Look at the word bank if you need help. Answer the questions in the boxes below.

Ellie the Elephant loves history. Today, Ellie is teaching us about Mary Seacole. Mary was born in Jamaica a long time ago. She learned how to use plants to help people feel better. When a war started far away, Mary wanted to help the soldiers. She travelled a long way to look after them. She built a place called the 'British Hotel'. She gave the soldiers food and comfort. Mary Seacole was a very kind and brave lady. We remember her today because she helped so many people.

Word bank: nurse · kind · help · brave · history

1. Where was Mary Seacole born? (1 mark)

2. What was Mary Seacole's job? (1 mark)

3. Why did Mary build the 'British Hotel'? (2 marks)

4. Choose one word from the word bank to describe Mary. Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Mary Seacole helping a soldier in her hotel.



Extension challenge: Write one sentence about a person you think is brave.