

The Lady with the Lamp

It was war time in Turkey in 1854. We were fighting for **peace** against the **Russians**.

After fighting for a few days I was hurt. The soldiers around me carried me to safety. I was taken to a hospital. It was full of **wounded** soldiers like me. There were lots of hurt men in rows of beds along the room.

There were no beds left and everything was dirty. The room smelled **stale** and I saw a rat **scurry** along the floor and under the beds. All I could hear was the sounds of screaming men who were in a lot of pain.

I had to sleep on the floor that night but I was safe from the fighting.



When all the men in the hospital were asleep, I heard a noise. It sounded like footsteps. Then, in the darkness, I could see a light that was getting brighter and brighter.

It was a lady. A lady with a lamp. She walked up to me and asked me how I was feeling. She was a pretty lady with a kind heart. She wore a long dress in a dark colour and a white cap covering her hair. She fed me some bread and brought me some water to drink. She asked me what had happened and tried to make me feel a little better.

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I was in the hospital for three more weeks. Over that time the hospital got better. More beds were made so I did not have to sleep on the floor any more. Workmen came in and cleaned the rooms. I did not see any more rats. The food got better and better, now we could eat more than just **mouldy** bread.

Every night, the lady with the lamp would come into the large room and check on each of the men. **Occasionally**, she would sit and talk to some of the soldiers. Sometimes, she would even write letters to their families for them.



Every night the lady with the lamp would **ensure** I was ok. She asked if I had enough to eat and drink, to help me to go to the toilet or to just talk with me to stop me getting **lonely**. Nobody knew what the lady's name was, we just called her 'the Lady with the Lamp'.

After three weeks, I was ready to travel back to England. On the last night, I thanked the lady with the lamp. I thanked her for helping me to **heal**. I asked her name before I left. Her name was Florence Nightingale and she was from England.



I am sure that the lady with the lamp helped lots of other men after I left. What a **remarkable** lady!

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The Lady with the Lamp – Follow-Up Work

What was the name of the lady with the lamp?

Why do you think there was only men in the hospital?

What did the author think about Florence Nightingale?

Is this a fiction or non-fiction text?

Is it helpful to have pictures in the story? Why do you think the author added pictures?

What happened in the story?

Did you learn anything from reading the story?

Who do you think is telling the story?

Did you find any part of the story shocking? Why?

Why is the story called “The Lady with the Lamp?”

Can you think of another title for the story?

The Lady with the Lamp – Vocab 1

Write the meaning of each of the words.

peace _____

Russians _____

wounded _____

stale _____

scurry _____

mouldy _____

occasionally _____

ensure _____

lonely _____

heal _____

remarkable _____

The Lady with the Lamp – Vocab 2

Find the words in the word search.

l	o	n	e	l	y	s	p	b	a	t	y
a	t	f	l	w	x	q	u	h	e	a	l
g	h	u	f	o	l	l	w	e	a	s	a
y	k	j	r	u	s	s	i	a	n	s	c
p	o	k	m	n	c	b	f	e	e	s	f
o	d	e	w	d	b	n	h	i	u	l	m
s	s	t	u	e	m	r	e	s	f	c	o
m	q	d	s	d	b	u	g	f	r	d	u
s	r	e	m	a	r	k	a	b	l	e	l
l	j	i	f	g	t	s	d	e	h	c	d
p	e	a	c	e	i	d	s	g	s	a	y
a	w	c	f	g	s	s	t	u	h	n	j

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The Lady with the Lamp – SPAG

Why do the underlined words start with a capital letter?

Florence Nightingale was an English nurse working in Turkey.

Write one word on each line to complete the sentence in the past tense.

I _____ on the floor because there were no beds left.

Florence _____ letters to the soldier's family.

On the last night I _____ the lady with the lamp for all her help.

Match the missing punctuation in the sentences below.

It was war time in Turkey in 1854 _____ ?

Where was the lady with the lamp _____ !

What a remarkable lady _____ .

The Lady with the Lamp – Oral Teacher Questions

What was the name of the lady with the lamp? **Florence Nightingale**

Why do you think there was only men in the hospital? **It was a long time ago when only men fought in wars.**

What did the author think about Florence Nightingale? **Kind and helpful. 'She was a remarkable lady'.**

Is this a fiction or non-fiction text? **Fiction (discuss with children that Florence was a real person who did help soldiers in the war, but the soldier who is telling the story is not real).**

Is it helpful to have pictures in the story? Why do you think the author added pictures? **Yes to help you imagine what is happening.**

What happened in the story? **The man was nursed back to health by Florence.**

Did you learn anything from reading the story? **Personal response.**

Who do you think is telling the story? **A soldier.**

Did you find any part of the story shocking? Why? **Personal response. Children to reference the text.**

Why is the story called "The Lady with the Lamp?" **Florence always carried a lamp when visiting the men at night.**

Can you think of another title for the story? **Personal Response**

The Lady with the Lamp – Vocab 1

Write the meaning of each of the words.

peace – **freedom from war**

Russians – **people that are from or live in Russia**

wounded – **to be badly hurt**

stale – **old, not fresh**

scurry – **run quickly with small steps**

mouldy – **covered in fungus, not safe to eat**

occasionally – **once in a while**

ensure – **make sure**

lonely – **sad because they are alone**

heal – **to get better**

remarkable – **amazing**

The Lady with the Lamp – Vocab 2

Find the words in the word search.

l	o	n	e	l	y	s	p	b	a	t	y
a	t	f	l	w	x	q	u	h	e	a	l
g	h	u	f	o	l	l	w	e	a	s	a
y	k	j	r	u	s	s	i	a	n	s	c
p	o	k	m	n	c	b	f	e	e	s	f
o	d	e	w	d	b	n	h	i	u	l	m
s	s	t	u	e	m	r	e	s	f	c	o
m	q	d	s	d	b	u	g	f	r	d	u
s	r	e	m	a	r	k	a	b	l	e	l
l	j	i	f	g	t	s	d	e	h	c	d
p	e	a	c	e	i	d	s	g	s	a	y
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Why do the underlined words start with a capital letter?

Florence Nightingale was an English nurse working in Turkey.

They are proper nouns; names of people and places.

Write one word on each line to complete the sentence in the past tense.

I **slept** on the floor because there were no beds left.

Florence **wrote** letters to the soldier's family.

On the last night I **thanked** the lady with the lamp for all her help.

Match the missing punctuation in the sentences below.

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