PET VOCABULARY – Doctors and Hospitals

Medical staff and Patients

1 Match each person on the right with a definition on the left.

(1) an ordinary doctor                        patient
(2) someone who looks after sick people in hospital  surgeon
(3) person who helps people with mental problems  out-patient
(4) sick person receiving treatment             in-patient
(5) sick person who has to stay in hospital      medical student
(6) sick person who has to visit hospital regularly for treatment  casualty
(7) someone who operates on sick people    psychiatrist
(8) person badly injured in an accident, fire, war  nurse
(9) person who helps at the birth of a baby    general practitioner
(10) person who studies to be a doctor         specialist
(11) person who specializes in one area of medical treatment  midwife

Doctors’ surgeries and hospitals

2 Put each of the following words in its correct place in the passage below.

Thermometer receptionist treatment ward prescription operation stethoscope pulse
appointment chemist symptoms examine waiting room temperature

When I go to the doctor, I tell the (1) ________ my name and take a seat in the (2) ________. My doctor is very busy so I have to make an (3) ________ before I go to see him. He asks me what's wrong with me, I tell him the (4) ________ of my illness, for example high temperature, difficulty in breathing, or pains, and then he will usually (5) ________ me. He'll listen to my heart with his (6) ________, he'll hold my wrist to feel my (7) ________, he'll take my (8) ________ with his (8) ________. The problem is usually something simple and he might give me (9) ________ for some medicine, which I take to the (10) ________. Of course, if I needed more serious (11) ________, I'd have to go to hospital. There I'd be put in a bed in a (12) ________ with 10 or 20 other people. If there were something seriously wrong with me, I might need an (13) ________. 
ANSWERS

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1. general practitioner
2. nurse
3. psychiatrist
4. patient
5. in-patient
6. out-patient
7. surgeon
8. casualty
9. midwife
10. medical student
11. specialist

Doctors' surgeries and hospitals
1. receptionist
2. waiting room
3. appointment
4. symptoms
5. examine
6. stethoscope
7. pulse
8. temperature
9. thermometer
10. prescription
11. chemist
12. treatment
13. ward
14. operation