

Understanding the NHS and healthcare systems

How often do you see a doctor?

Vocabulary Match

1. services 2. emergencies 3. appointment 4. funded 5. insurance 6. salary

___ protection ___ money ___ meeting ___ urgent ___ paid for ___ help

Conversation

Nina and Raj talk about the NHS in the UK. They discuss how it works, its funding, and the need for private insurance.

Nina: Hi, Raj! How are you today?

Raj: I'm good, thanks. I was just reading about the NHS. Do you know much about it?

Nina: Yes, a bit. The NHS is the National Health Service in the UK. It provides healthcare for everyone, and most _____ are free.

Raj: That sounds great! But if it's free, how is it paid for?

Nina: It's _____ by taxes. People in the UK pay part of their _____ to support it.

Raj: Interesting. So, do people still need health _____?

Nina: Not always. Some people get private insurance to see a doctor more quickly, but the NHS covers most things.

Raj: I see. It sounds like a good system. Is it easy to get an _____?

Nina: It can be busy, but you can usually book one. For _____, hospitals are open 24/7.

Quiz

1. What does the NHS stand for?
2. How is the NHS funded?
3. Do people always need private health insurance in the UK?
4. Are hospitals open for emergencies?

True or False

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| 1. The NHS is a private healthcare service. | True False |
| 2. People in the UK pay part of their salary to support the NHS. | True False |
| 3. It is always easy to get an appointment with the NHS. | True False |

Discussion

1. Have you ever needed to go to the hospital?
2. What do you think about free healthcare?
3. Do you have health insurance?
4. How do you usually book a doctor's appointment?
5. What would you do in a medical emergency?