

Core Vocabulary: Check word meanings orally with students. Discuss meanings and give examples for any unknown words or concepts. Use graphics and Reading Passage -Section 1 to help clarify.

(Note: Definitions for some medical terms are provided here solely as an aid to instructors.)

health professional

hospital

clinic

doctor/physician

examine you

diagnose your problem

treat you

prescribe medication

patient

surgeon

surgery/operation

specialist

physician assistant

nurse

nurse practitioner

weight

pulse -

The beat of the heart felt in an artery. (An artery is a blood vessel that carries blood away from the heart to the body.)

blood pressure -

The force of blood as it pushes against the walls of the arteries.

shot

test

pharmacist

pharmacy

prescription

SECTION 1
Health Professionals

VOCABULARY LISTS

dentist
teeth
gums
tongue
mouth
dental hygienist
dental assistant
brushing teeth
flossing teeth
x-ray -

High energy radiation whose waves are shorter than those of visible light and thus can go through most solids. At low levels they can be focused into a beam and passed through the body. When the x-rays hit photographic film they make a picture that can be used to help diagnose diseases. At high levels they are used to treat cancer.

EMT -

Emergency Medical Technician; a person trained to respond to medical emergencies and to transport patients to the hospital.

paramedic -

Similar to an EMT but a higher level job requiring more training.

emergency
ambulance

