



Unit 3 — In the Hospital

Reading: A dialogue between the mayor and the hospital director

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A: Mr Hecky, welcome to Blackwell Community Hospital. I am honored you decided to attend our modest opening ceremony. Before we begin the tour of the facility, I would like to thank you for your personal involvement and endeavors, which greatly contributed to the construction of the most modern medical center in the region. We are also very grateful for...

B: Sorry to butt in, doctor, but I have a very busy schedule today and only came to see what so much public money was spent on.

A: Ahem. I totally understand that, taking into account the fact that you yourself might end up being an inpatient some day.

B: Get on with it, doctor. This is the east wing, right? What's that place over there, near the entrance, with A&E sign flashing above? We only treat American and English citizens or what?

A: That's not quite right. A&E stands for Accidents & Emergency, which is a department where patients come without prior notice.

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Discussion Questions

What are the typical departments usually found in each hospital?

Would you say that one department is more important than others? If so, which one and why?

Which department would you like to work in? Why?