

Task #1 - Before reading the text try to find the different meanings (in English or your own language) to the following words: **Em verde, os significados que são relacionados com o texto. Veja que algumas palavras possuem um único significado. Ou seja, são bem específicas para aquele contexto**

concern (verb) -

to cause worry to someone

to be important to someone or to involve someone directly

If a story, film, or article concerns a particular subject, person, etc., it is about that person or subject

rely upon (phrasal verb)

to need a particular thing or the help and support of someone or something in order to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed

to trust someone or something or to expect him, her, or it to behave in a particular way

locum (noun)

a doctor who does the job of another doctor who is ill or on holiday

cover (n/v)

to put or spread something over something, or to lie on the surface of something

to deal with or **direct attention** to something

to report the news about a particular important event

to protect someone against loss, damage, accident, or having something stolen, by having insurance

to travel a particular distance

to be enough money to pay for something

to aim a gun or shoot at someone to try to stop them from shooting or escaping, or to protect someone else

to do someone else's job or duty when they are absent

shortage (n)

a situation in which there is not enough of something

slew (n)

to turn or be turned round suddenly and awkwardly

a large amount or number

illness (n)

a disease of the body or mind

the state of being ill

demean (v)

to cause someone to become less respected

look after (phrasal verb)

to take care of or be in charge of someone or something

Task #2 -

What is the main problem at Reefton?

Reefton doesn't have a full-time GP (doctor), and the population will have to wait longer to have their appointments

How long will the small town be without a full-time doctor?

They will be without a GP for 3 months, in winter

Is this problem only happening to Reefton?

According to one of the interviewees, this is not a local problem. It's not, actually, an isolated issue

How hard is it to get an appointment with a doctor there?

It may take one to two weeks to get an appointment with a GP

Why is the District's counsellor talking about fishing and biking?

It seems the counsellor is trying to appeal to doctors to go there and live there. Apparently, activities like fishing and biking are popular there

Task #3 -

Are you concerned about the health situation in your country? Why? Why not? (student's own words)

Example answer:

Of course! Not only the hospitals are full of people, but also small towns are the ones that suffer the most because no GPs want to live there...

Yes, but it has always been like this. Even worse than in New Zealand. If you want to have an appointment with a doctor, it could take you months of waiting...

Does your country rely on doctors from overseas like New Zealand does? (student's own words)

Example answer:

Yes. There is a program in which doctors from other countries, or doctors graduated in other countries come to Brazil and are selected to help rural or indigenous communities...

No, we have plenty of doctors in our country. But most of them move to big cities because...

What other shortages are normally on the news in your country? (student's own words)

Example answer:

Labour shortage

Lack of jobs

Water shortage
Food shortage