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At Work with Mom

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Essential Question

What jobs need to be done in a community?

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CHAPTER 1

A Big Day



It is a big day. Jen goes to work with her mom.

Jen's mom is a doctor. Dr. Deb helps kids. She helps them when they are sick. She helps them stay healthy.

“Here we are,” says Mom.

“Cool,” says Jen. “I can’t wait to see your new office!”



CHAPTER 2

At the Office



Jen and Mom step inside. Jen sees a room where people wait. No one is there yet.

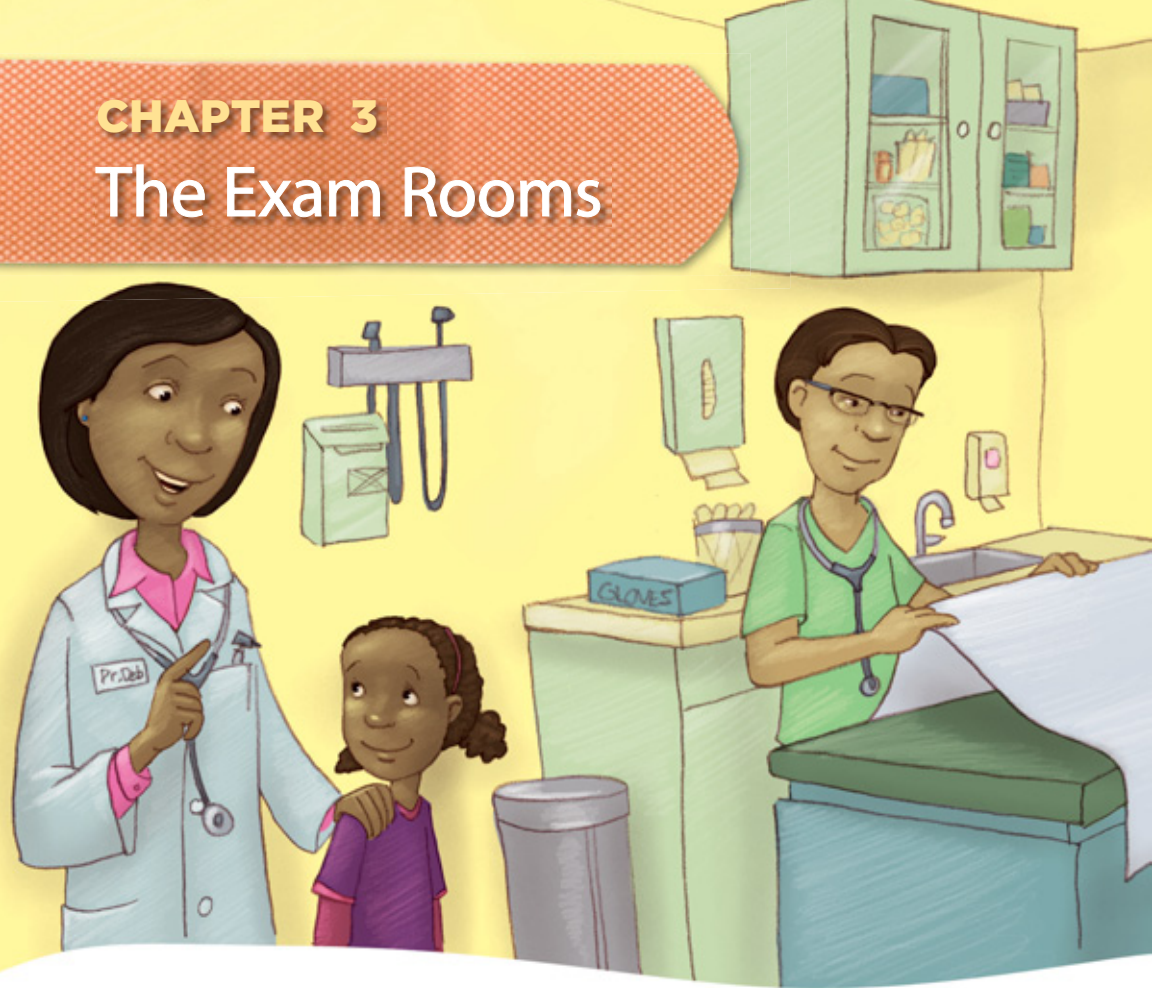
Miss Rex sits here. She helps Mom. She answers the phone and greets people when they come in.

“Good morning,” says Miss Rex. “It will be a busy day. Lots of kids are coming in for check ups.”



CHAPTER 3

The Exam Rooms



Mom and Jen go to an exam room.
Ed is getting the room ready.
Ed is a nurse.

“Ed checks the kids before I see them,” says Mom. “Then I do the rest of the exam.”



“Let me show you what I do,” says Ed. “First, I check to see how much you have grown.”

“Next, I check your heart beat,” he says. “Then I check to see that your heart is strong.”

Later, Ed takes Jen to meet Meg.

"What is that?" asks Jen, pointing to a big machine.

"It's an X-ray machine," says Meg. "I use it to take pictures. The pictures show the inside of your body."





Meg shows Jen a picture.

“This picture shows a broken leg,” says Meg. “It shows where the bone has to be fixed.”

Jen looks at more pictures. Then she heads back to see Miss Rex.

CHAPTER 4

A Big Mess



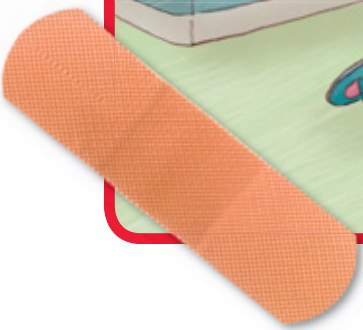
“Oh, no!” yells Jen. “What a mess!”

Jen looks around and sees some empty bins. She has an idea.

“I can help you, Miss Rex,” Jen says. “I can use these bins.”

Jen gets to work. Soon there is no more mess.

“Thank you for your help, Jen,” says Miss Rex. “I hope you come to work with your mom again!”



Respond to Reading

Retell

Use the chart to retell *At Work with Mom*.

Character	Setting	Events

Text Evidence

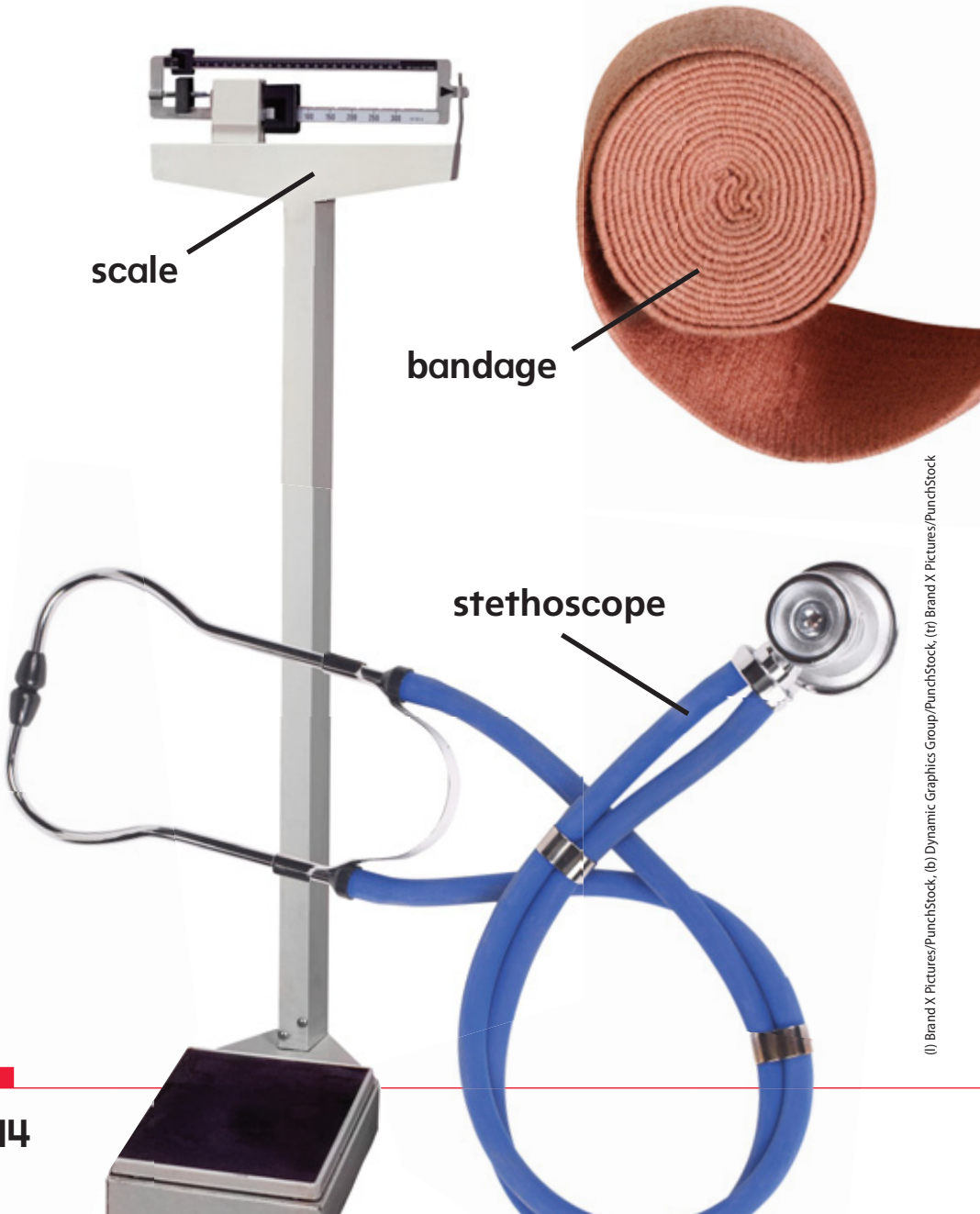
1. Who is Dr. Deb and where does she work? **Character, Setting, Events**
2. Who works in Dr. Deb's office? What do they do? **Character, Setting, Events**
3. How can you tell that *At Work with Mom* is realistic fiction? **Genre**

Compare Texts

How is a school nurse like a doctor?

Tools for the School Nurse

A school nurse helps you when you are sick or get hurt. What tools does a school nurse use?





thermometer

first aid kit



Make Connections

How is a school nurse like the nurse in *At Work with Mom*? [Text to Text](#)

Focus on Genre

Realistic Fiction Realistic fiction is a made-up story that could happen in real life. The people and places in the story seem like real people and places.

What to Look for The characters in *At Work with Mom* are like real people. The story happens in a place that seems real. The events in the story could happen in real life.

Your Turn

Plan a realistic fiction story. Make a story map to outline your story. Be sure to include characters, settings, and events that could be real. Tell what happens in the beginning, in the middle, and at the end of the story.

Thinkmark

Setting

Where did *At Work with Mom* take place?

What time did it take place?

Characters

Who is the main character in this story?

Who are the other characters?

Sequence of Events

What happened in this story?

Tell what happened first, next, then, and finally.