

Play script

Anna is reading a play script about two old patients.

Characters

Archie – a sick old man

Don – a sick old man

Jane – a hospital nurse

Scene 1: In a hospital ward

5 *Archie and Don are talking on their hospital beds. The lighting is dim, which makes people feel moody.*

Archie : (sadly) Don, my friend. It's a pity that you can't sit up on your bed like me. You know the view from the window beside this bed is really amazing.

10 Don : The nurse only allows you an hour a day. You'd better enjoy it. My back is still in pain. I can hardly see the view outside.

Archie : Today, I can see ducks and swans swimming in the pond. Some children are sailing their model boats. Young lovers are holding hands along a trail in the park...

15 Don : (dreamy) Ah, what a sight! I really hope one day I can see it myself.

Months pass. Archie dies. Nurse Jane enters the ward.

Don : Nurse, if it is not too much trouble, I'd like to move to the bed next to the window.

Jane : Sure, Don.

20 *Don moves onto the bed next to the window and slowly props himself up. He looks outside the window.*

Don : (shocked) It's a blank wall outside! How could Archie fool me like that?

Jane : Don, didn't you know that Archie was blind? He must have told you those stories to encourage you.

25 Don : (smiling) Yes, you're right. How blessed I was to have a friend like him.

1. Circle the setting.

2. Underline the stage direction for Nurse Jane.

Date: _____

A Choose the best answer by blackening the circle.

1. The light in the hospital ward is _____.
- A. dull
 - B. bright
 - C. flashing
 - D. clear



Find the word that tells the mood of the hospital.

2. What does Archie **NOT** describe to Don about the view outside the window?



A.



B.



C.



D.

3. Don feels shocked after talking to Jane because _____.
- A. he feels sad for the loss of his good friend
 - B. he can see the outside world for the first time
 - C. he can move his painful back
 - D. he feels cheated by his good friend

B Answer the questions in complete sentences.

4. Why does Archie make up stories to tell Don all the time?

5. How does Don feel finally?

C Put the scenes in the correct order. Write 1-4 in the boxes.



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