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## **UK Queen honours health service for its courage**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210707-courage.html>

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210707-courage.html>

The Queen in the United Kingdom has given the country's highest possible award for civilians to its National Health Service (NHS). The Queen gave the NHS a George Cross. This is a special medal for heroism and bravery. The award was given because of the heroic efforts doctors, nurses and care staff made during the coronavirus pandemic. The Queen hand wrote a personal message to the NHS. She said she gave the award "with great pleasure, on behalf of a grateful nation". She added: "This award recognises all NHS staff....Over more than seven decades, and especially in recent times, you have supported the people of our country with courage, compassion and dedication."

Many workers in the NHS are happy that they have been recognised by the Queen for their services. However, many others said they would prefer a pay rise. The NHS has been on the front line in the fight against COVID-19 in the UK. There has been great public support for a pay rise for nurses, but the government only gave them a 1% increase. There were over 60 protests in the UK over the weekend for better pay and conditions. A doctor said: "We demand funding for a safe NHS, fair pay and respect for staff." A workers' union leader said: "The best way to show appreciation for health workers who have gone 'above and beyond' is to give them a decent pay rise, urgently."

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2021/jul/05/queen-awards-george-cross-to-nhs-to-mark-70-years-of-public-service>  
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<https://morningstaronline.co.uk/article/b/health-unions-demand-better-nhs-workers-anniversary>

# WARM-UPS

**1. COURAGE:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about courage. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Queen / United Kingdom / award / health / heroism / bravery / pandemic / courage / happy / pay rise / front line / public support / weekend / pay / conditions / urgently

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. NURSES:** Students A **strongly** believe nurses should be paid more than politicians; Students B **strongly** believe politicians should be paid more than nurses. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. MEDAL:** Should these workers get a medal? Why / Why not? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

|                  | Yes/No | Why?/Why Not? |
|------------------|--------|---------------|
| Nurses           |        |               |
| English teachers |        |               |
| Actors           |        |               |
| Electricians     |        |               |
| Store workers    |        |               |
| Software coders  |        |               |

**5. QUEEN:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "queen". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. HIGHEST AWARD:** Rank these with your partner. Put the workers who deserve the highest award at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Nurses
- Taxi drivers
- Bakers
- Postal workers
- Store shelf fillers
- Car mechanics
- Politicians
- English teachers

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |               |   |
|---------------|---|
| 1. award      | a. Kind feelings and concern for other people who are having a bad or sad time. |
| 2. civilian   | b. Great bravery.   |
| 3. heroism    | c. A feeling of happy satisfaction and enjoyment.                               |
| 4. pandemic   | d. A prize or other thing given to honor an achievement.                        |
| 5. pleasure   | e. Feeling or showing thanks for kindness.                                      |
| 6. grateful   | f. A person not in the armed services or the police force.                      |
| 7. compassion | g. There being a disease all over a whole country or the world.                 |

## Paragraph 2

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| 8. prefer        | h. The things that affect the way people live or work, especially their safety or health. |
| 9. front line    | i. Money given by an organization or government for a particular purpose.                 |
| 10. protest      | j. Knowing and enjoying the good qualities of someone or something.                       |
| 11. conditions   | k. The area that is closest to danger or to the action.                                   |
| 12. funding      | l. A deep liking for someone because of their abilities or achievements.                  |
| 13. respect      | m. Groups of people meeting somewhere to say they are unhappy about something.            |
| 14. appreciation | n. Like one thing or person better than another or others.                                |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210707-courage.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Health workers in the UK got the highest possible civilian award. **T / F**
2. The medal the health workers got was for bravery and heroism. **T / F**
3. The British Queen typed a message for the health workers. **T / F**
4. The Queen recognised health workers for over 70 years service. **T / F**
5. Many UK health workers would like a pay rise instead of a medal. **T / F**
6. Health workers have been on the front line fighting COVID-19. **T / F**
7. The British public thinks a 1% pay rise is enough for nurses. **T / F**
8. A union leader said the medal was the best way to thank nurses. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. <b>award</b>        | a. like better      |
| 2. <b>civilians</b>    | b. happiness        |
| 3. <b>heroic</b>       | c. acknowledged     |
| 4. <b>pleasure</b>     | d. private citizens |
| 5. <b>compassion</b>   | e. proper           |
| 6. <b>recognised</b>   | f. prize            |
| 7. <b>prefer</b>       | g. kindness         |
| 8. <b>funding</b>      | h. thanks           |
| 9. <b>appreciation</b> | i. brave            |
| 10. <b>decent</b>      | j. money            |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. the country's highest possible            | a. and dedication      |
| 2. This is a special medal for               | b. efforts             |
| 3. The award was given because of the heroic | c. a 1% increase       |
| 4. The Queen hand wrote                      | d. line                |
| 5. courage, compassion                       | e. a personal message  |
| 6. happy that they have been recognised      | f. award               |
| 7. The NHS has been on the front             | g. rise                |
| 8. the government only gave them             | h. for health workers  |
| 9. The best way to show appreciation         | i. heroism and bravery |
| 10. give them a decent pay                   | j. by the Queen        |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210707-courage.html>

The Queen in the United Kingdom has given the country's highest (1) \_\_\_\_\_ award for civilians to its National Health Service (NHS). The Queen gave the NHS a George Cross. This is a special medal for heroism and (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The award was given because of the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ efforts doctors, nurses and care staff made during the coronavirus (4) \_\_\_\_\_. The Queen hand wrote a personal message to the NHS. She said she gave the award "with great pleasure, on (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of a grateful nation". She added: "This award recognises all NHS staff....Over more than seven (6) \_\_\_\_\_, and especially in (7) \_\_\_\_\_ times, you have supported the people of our country with courage, compassion and (8) \_\_\_\_\_."

*pandemic*  
*bravery*  
*recent*  
*possible*  
*decades*  
*heroic*  
*dedication*  
*behalf*

Many workers in the NHS are happy that they have been recognised by the Queen for their (9) \_\_\_\_\_. However, many others said they would (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a pay rise. The NHS has been on the front line in the fight against COVID-19 in the UK. There has been great (11) \_\_\_\_\_ support for a pay rise for nurses, but the government only gave them a 1% (12) \_\_\_\_\_. There were over 60 (13) \_\_\_\_\_ in the UK over the weekend for better pay and conditions. A doctor said: "We demand funding for a safe NHS, fair pay and (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for staff." A workers' union leader said: "The best way to show appreciation for health workers who have gone 'above and (15) \_\_\_\_\_' is to give them a decent pay rise, (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*public*  
*services*  
*urgently*  
*protests*  
*beyond'*  
*prefer*  
*increase*  
*respect*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210707-courage.html>

- 1) The Queen in the United Kingdom has given the country's highest possible \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. award for civilian
  - b. award for civil vans
  - c. award for civil yarns
  - d. award for civilians
- 2) This is a special medal for \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. heroism and bravery
  - b. heroism and brave
  - c. heroism and bribery
  - d. heroism and bray very
- 3) She said she gave the award "with great pleasure, on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. a great full nation
  - b. a graceful nation
  - c. a grateful nation
  - d. a grey full nation
- 4) all NHS staff....Over more than seven decades, and especially \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in recently times
  - b. in recent times
  - c. in lease sent times
  - d. in lease entry times
- 5) you have supported the people of our country with courage, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. compassionate and dedicate
  - b. compassion and dedicate
  - c. compassionate and dedication
  - d. compassion and dedication
- 6) workers in the NHS are happy that they have been recognised by the Queen \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. form their services
  - b. fore their services
  - c. four their services
  - d. for their services
- 7) However, many others said they would \_\_\_\_\_ rise
  - a. prefer a pay
  - b. proffer a pay
  - c. pre fur a pay
  - d. preen fur a pay
- 8) support for a pay rise for nurses, but the government only gave them \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a 1% ink crease
  - b. a 1% ink rise
  - c. a 1% increase
  - d. a 1% increased
- 9) A doctor said: "We demand funding for a safe NHS, fair \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. paid end respect
  - b. pay and respect
  - c. pray end respect
  - d. prey and respect
- 10) workers who have gone 'above and beyond' is to give them a decent \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. pay arise, urgent
  - b. pay risen, urgent
  - c. pay riser, urgently
  - d. pay rise, urgently

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210707-courage.html>

The Queen in the United Kingdom has given the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ award for civilians to its National Health Service (NHS). The Queen gave the NHS a George Cross. This (2) \_\_\_\_\_ medal for heroism and bravery. The award was given because of the heroic efforts doctors, nurses and care staff (3) \_\_\_\_\_ coronavirus pandemic. The Queen (4) \_\_\_\_\_ personal message to the NHS. She said she gave the award "with great pleasure, on behalf of a grateful nation". She added: "This award recognises all NHS staff....Over (5) \_\_\_\_\_ decades, and especially in recent times, you have supported the people of our (6) \_\_\_\_\_, compassion and dedication."

Many workers in the NHS (7) \_\_\_\_\_ they have been recognised by the Queen for their services. However, many others said they would (8) \_\_\_\_\_ rise. The NHS has been on the front line in the fight against COVID-19 in the UK. There has been (9) \_\_\_\_\_ for a pay rise for nurses, but the government only gave them a 1% increase. There were (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in the UK over the weekend for better pay and conditions. A doctor said: "We demand funding for a safe NHS, fair pay and (11) \_\_\_\_\_." A workers' union leader said: "The best way to show appreciation for health workers who have gone 'above and beyond' is to give (12) \_\_\_\_\_ pay rise, urgently."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210707-courage.html>

1. Who is the George Cross usually given to?
2. What is the George Cross for, besides heroism and courage?
3. How did the Queen write a message to health workers?
4. Who did the Queen say she gave the award on behalf of?
5. How long has Britain's NHS been going?
6. What would many NHS workers like instead of a medal?
7. What kind of line does the article say the NHS has been on?
8. How much of a pay rise did the nurses get?
9. How many protests were there over the weekend?
10. Who said health workers should get a "decent pay rise, urgently"?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210707-courage.html>

- 1) Who is the George Cross usually given to?
  - a) royalty
  - b) health workers
  - c) soldiers
  - d) civilians
- 2) What is the George Cross for, besides heroism and courage?
  - a) fighting
  - b) bravery
  - c) hard work
  - d) innovation
- 3) How did the Queen write a message to health workers?
  - a) she dictated it
  - b) on a smartphone
  - c) on an old typewriter
  - d) by hand
- 4) Who did the Queen say she gave the award on behalf of?
  - a) doctors and nurses
  - b) her family
  - c) a grateful nation
  - d) the NHS
- 5) How long has Britain's NHS been going?
  - a) over 60 years
  - b) over 80 years
  - c) over 50 years
  - d) over 70 years
- 6) What would many NHS workers like instead of a medal?
  - a) longer holidays
  - b) better PPE
  - c) a pay rise
  - d) no overtime
- 7) What kind of line does the article say the NHS has been on?
  - a) the front line
  - b) the baseline
  - c) the centre line
  - d) the hard line
- 8) How much of a pay rise did the nurses get?
  - a) 3%
  - b) 2%
  - c) 1%
  - d) 45
- 9) How many protests were there over the weekend?
  - a) just under 60
  - b) over 60
  - c) about 60
  - d) exactly 60
- 10) Who said health workers should get a "decent pay rise, urgently"?
  - a) a workers' union
  - b) a nursing group
  - c) surgeons
  - d) hospital patients

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Nurses**

You think nurses deserve the highest award. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their workers do not need an award. Also, tell the others who is the least deserving of an award of these (and why): bakers, English teachers or taxi drivers.

## **Role B – Bakers**

You think bakers deserve the highest award. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their workers do not need an award. Also, tell the others who is the least deserving of an award of these (and why): nurses, English teachers or taxi drivers.

## **Role C – English Teachers**

You think English teachers deserve the highest award. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their workers do not need an award. Also, tell the others who is the least deserving of an award of these (and why): bakers, nurses or taxi drivers.

## **Role D – Taxi Drivers**

You think taxi drivers deserve the highest award. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their workers do not need an award. Also, tell the others who is the least deserving of an award of these (and why): bakers, English teachers or nurses.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210707-courage.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'health' and 'service'.

| health | service |
|--------|---------|
|        |         |

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• possible</li><li>• special</li><li>• care</li><li>• hand</li><li>• behalf</li><li>• recent</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• happy</li><li>• prefer</li><li>• public</li><li>• 60</li><li>• demand</li><li>• urgently</li></ul> |
|--|--|

# COURAGE SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about courage in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

|      | STUDENT 1<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.2. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.3. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.4. |                    |                    |                    |
| Q.5. |                    |                    |                    |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# COURAGE DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'health service'?
3. What is the national health service like in your country?
4. What do you think of giving a medal to a health service?
5. How heroic and brave have nurses and doctors been in the pandemic?
6. Who is braver, a nurse or a politician?
7. Have you ever received an award or a medal?
8. Have you ever been brave or courageous?
9. What do you know about the British Queen?
10. What advice do you have for nurses and doctors?

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# COURAGE DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'courage'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you prefer a medal or a pay rise?
15. How much of a pay rise should nurses get?
16. Should nurses or politicians be paid more?
17. Would you be a good nurse?
18. What three adjectives would you use to describe nurses?
19. When was the last time you went 'above and beyond'?
20. What questions would you like to ask Britain's Queen?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210707-courage.html>

The Queen in the United Kingdom has given the country's (1) \_\_\_\_\_ possible award for civilians to its National Health Service (NHS). The Queen gave the NHS a George Cross. This is a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ medal for heroism and bravery. The award was given because (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the heroic efforts doctors, nurses and care staff made during the coronavirus pandemic. The Queen hand wrote a personal message to the NHS. She said she gave the award "(4) \_\_\_\_\_ great pleasure, on behalf of a grateful nation". She added: "This award recognises all NHS staff....Over more than seven decades, and especially (5) \_\_\_\_\_ recent times, you have supported the people of our country with courage, compassion and (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

Many workers in the NHS are happy that they have been recognised by the Queen for (7) \_\_\_\_\_ services. However, many others said they would prefer a pay rise. The NHS has been on the front (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in the fight against COVID-19 in the UK. There has been great public support for a pay rise for nurses, but the government only gave them a 1% increase. There were over 60 (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in the UK over the weekend for better pay and conditions. A doctor said: "We demand funding for a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ NHS, fair pay and respect for staff." A workers' union leader said: "The best way to (11) \_\_\_\_\_ appreciation for health workers who have gone 'above and beyond' is to give them a decent pay rise, (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |               |               |                |                 |
|-----|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) must      | (b) highest   | (c) most       | (d) tallest     |
| 2.  | (a) specially | (b) special   | (c) specials   | (d) specialise  |
| 3.  | (a) to        | (b) in        | (c) at         | (d) of          |
| 4.  | (a) to        | (b) on        | (c) with       | (d) as          |
| 5.  | (a) as        | (b) in        | (c) for        | (d) at          |
| 6.  | (a) objection | (b) injection | (c) dedication | (d) vaccination |
| 7.  | (a) them      | (b) they      | (c) their      | (d) there       |
| 8.  | (a) bench     | (b) edge      | (c) line       | (d) box         |
| 9.  | (a) portends  | (b) protects  | (c) pretends   | (d) protests    |
| 10. | (a) safe      | (b) safety    | (c) safes      | (d) safeguard   |
| 11. | (a) show      | (b) view      | (c) look       | (d) watch       |
| 12. | (a) urgency   | (b) urgent    | (c) urgently   | (d) urge        |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210707-courage.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. award for ianlvsci
2. a special medal for heroism and yarervb
3. with great pueaslre
4. on behalf of a frgtuael nation
5. especially in ctearn times
6. courage, compassion and andditicoe

## Paragraph 2

7. they would rerpef a pay rise
8. There has been great public stuppore
9. There were over 60 pesrttos
10. fair pay and reecspt
11. show aoerpicipitan for health workers
12. give them a decent pay rise, egnyrltu

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210707-courage.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) supported the people of our country with courage, compassion and dedication."
- ( ) Service (NHS). The Queen gave the NHS a George Cross. This is a special medal for heroism and
- ( ) workers who have gone 'above and beyond' is to give them a decent pay rise, urgently."
- ( ) a 1% increase. There were over 60 protests in the UK over the weekend for better
- ( ) for staff." A workers' union leader said: "The best way to show appreciation for health
- ( ) COVID-19 in the UK. There has been great public support for a pay rise for nurses, but the government only gave them
- ( ) Many workers in the NHS are happy that they have been recognised by the Queen for their services. However, many
- ( **1** ) The Queen in the United Kingdom has given the country's highest possible award for civilians to its National Health
- ( ) others said they would prefer a pay rise. The NHS has been on the front line in the fight against
- ( ) the award "with great pleasure, on behalf of a grateful nation". She added: "This award
- ( ) recognises all NHS staff....Over more than seven decades, and especially in recent times, you have
- ( ) made during the coronavirus pandemic. The Queen hand wrote a personal message to the NHS. She said she gave
- ( ) bravery. The award was given because of the heroic efforts doctors, nurses and care staff
- ( ) pay and conditions. A doctor said: "We demand funding for a safe NHS, fair pay and respect

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210707-courage.html>

1. award highest The country's possible civilians . for
2. This heroism . for a medal is special
3. Queen hand wrote a message the to The NHS .
4. seven and times . decades, Over in recent especially
5. have country . our the You supported of people
6. the NHS in happy . Many are workers
7. said Others they would a prefer pay rise .
8. been on NHS has The line . front the
9. increase . 1% a them government only gave The
10. to appreciation way workers . best show The for

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210707-courage.html>

The Queen in the United Kingdom has given the country's highest *possibly / possible* award for civilians *to / at* its National Health Service (NHS). The Queen gave the NHS a George Cross. This is a *specially / special* medal for heroism and bravery. The award was *taken / given* because of the heroic efforts doctors, nurses and *care / cares* staff made during the coronavirus pandemic. The Queen *hand written / wrote* a personal message to the NHS. She said she gave the award "with great *pressure / pleasure*, *on behalf / whole* of a grateful nation". She added: "This award recognises all NHS staff....Over more than seven decades, and especially *on / in* recent times, you have supported the people of our country with courage, *compasses / compassion* and dedication."

Many workers *on / in* the NHS are happy that they have been *known / recognised* by the Queen for their services. However, *much / many* others said they would prefer a pay *arise / rise*. The NHS has been on the front line in the fight *against / again* COVID-19 in the UK. There has been great public support for a pay rise for nurses, but the government only *give / gave* them a 1% increase. There were over 60 *protests / protects* in the UK over the weekend for better pay and conditions. A doctor said: "We demand funding for a *safe / safety* NHS, fair pay and respect for staff." A workers' union leader said: "The best way to *show / look* appreciation for health workers who have gone 'above and beyond' is to give them a decent pay rise, *urgently / urgent*."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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many workers in the nhs are happy that they have been recognised by the queen for their services however many others said they would prefer a pay rise the nhs has been on the front line in the fight against covid19 in the uk there has been great public support for a pay rise for nurses but the government only gave them a 1 increase there were over 60 protests in the uk over the weekend for better pay and conditions a doctor said we demand funding for a safe nhs fair pay and respect for staff a workers union leader said the best way to show appreciation for health workers who have gone above and beyond is to give them a decent pay rise urgently

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2107/210707-courage.html>

Write about **courage** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. COURAGE:** Make a poster about courage. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. NURSES PAY:** Write a magazine article about giving all nurses worldwide a huge pay rise. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on courage. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three examples of times you have been courageous. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d    2. f    3. b    4. g    5. c    6. e    7. a  
8. n    9. k    10. m    11. h    12. i    13. l    14. j

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T    2 T    3 F    4 T    5 T    6 T    7 F    8 F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. f | 2. d | 3. i | 4. b | 5. g  |
| 6. c | 7. a | 8. j | 9. h | 10. e |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Civilians
2. Bravery
3. By hand
4. A grateful nation
5. Over seven decades (70 years)
6. A pay rise
7. The front line in the fight against COVID-19
8. 1%
9. Over 60
10. A workers' union

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. The country's highest possible award for civilians.
2. This is a special medal for heroism.
3. The Queen hand wrote a message to the NHS.
4. Over seven decades, and especially in recent times.
5. You have supported the people of our country.
6. Many workers in the NHS are happy.
7. Others said they would prefer a pay rise.
8. The NHS has been on the front line.
9. The government only gave them a 1% increase.
10. The best way to show appreciation for workers.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d    2. b    3. d    4. c    5. d    6. c    7. a    8. c    9. b    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)