Erez is a reporter for the school newspaper. He is speaking to Ben, a clown doctor.

Erez: Hi, Ben. I hear you are a clown doctor. Are you a real doctor?

Ben: No, I’m a clown. I work at Rambam Hospital in Haifa. I help take care of sick children. Many children are sad and afraid when they are in the hospital. My job is to help them feel better. I make them laugh and smile.

Erez: How do you make the children laugh and smile?

Ben: I wear funny clothes, like a clown, and also a doctor’s coat. I tell stories, sing songs, do magic tricks1 and make balloon animals. I like to make children happy. Sometimes I go with the children to see their doctors. They are usually scared when they go to their doctors. I like to help them relax2.

Erez: How did you become a clown doctor?

Ben: I’m an actor. One day I saw that a hospital wanted to teach actors to be clown doctors. I like children and I wanted a new acting job. So I decided to learn how to be a clown doctor. I took lessons at the hospital for five months. I had a great time. Now I love my job because I help sick children.

Erez: You have a really important job. Thanks for telling us about it.

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A. Match A to B to make sentences.

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B. Answer the questions.

1. What does Ben wear?
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2. What fun things do clown doctors do? Give two examples.
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   b. ____________________________________________

3. Why does Ben go with the children to their doctors?
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4. Why did Ben want to be a clown doctor?
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5. What did Ben do to become a clown doctor?
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6. What does Ben like about his job?
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C. Do you think clown doctors have an important job? Why or why not?
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1 magic tricks حيل سحرية
2 relax يهدؤون / يهدؤ / يهدوين