



PROFESSIONS | Haris, Agapi and Elpis – NURSES
A Children's Story for Young and Old

Preface

This story is part of a series of children's stories entitled "Professions". The series aims to introduce children to different careers, combining knowledge with humour and the funny side of life to make each story interesting.

This story begins a second series devoted mainly to professions traditionally associated with women.

As in the stories about men's professions, the main character is Haris (whereas in the other series it was Charalampos). Her friends Agapi and Elpis also take part, often changing jobs to match Haris's profession.

I was inspired to create Haris and her friends while talking with my grandson Marios, to whom I dedicate this story.

The story includes a glossary of unfamiliar words to help young children understand difficult expressions.

Unfamiliar words are marked with an asterisk (*), and explanations appear below, also marked with an asterisk.

Professions

Haris and Her Friends – Nurses

Haris has a very important profession: she is a qualified nurse.*

She graduated from the Department of Nursing at the University of West Attica, which was formed* from the former Nursing Departments A and B of the Technological Educational Institute of Athens.

The department aims to educate students in the main subjects taught by the former Nursing Departments A and B, offering university-level nursing education recognised by the relevant authorities, including the Ministry of Education.

(*) Nurse = A person whose profession is to care for sick people, in a hospital or elsewhere, and to assist doctors.

(*) Was formed = Came into existence from something else.

(*) Nursing = A specialised art and science practised by trained nursing professionals. It is a complex scientific activity concerned with individuals, families and communities, in health and illness, with the aim of preventing illness and maintaining or restoring health.

Nursing is a sister discipline to medicine. Although the two share many things, they are independent professions.

Haris had two very close friends, Agapi and Elpis. Their friendship was like a sisterly bond, going back to the days when they lived in their village, Aetia in Grevena,* which they left after graduating* from secondary school.

As soon as Haris finished her studies, she began looking for work. She needed to earn a living, as her parents had already spent a great deal on her food, rent and travel while she studied away from home.

(*) Aetia, Grevena = Aetia is one of the Koupatsaria villages in the Grevena region and one of the most mountainous settlements in Greece.

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