

# Florida Works

## Student Reading Selection #2

### *Speaking Up When There's Too Much To Do*

7 Mary is a nurse technician at Tallahassee  
13 Memorial Hospital. She works closely with  
21 a nurse named Pam. Mary has a certain  
29 number of rooms she is responsible for and  
37 knows what her routine is each day when  
46 she comes to work. When she isn't busy it's  
57 up to her to go to Pam and find out what  
66 else needs to be done. Pam will give her  
73 directions about what else Mary can help  
81 her do. There are usually about 12 nurse  
88 technicians on duty, but today three of  
91 them didn't show up for work so Mary and  
104 the other technicians have to cover for  
111 them. Mary has been running around all  
117 day making sure patients are comfortable,  
125 helping them sit up when they need to,  
132 filling their water pitchers when they are  
138 empty, taking their vital signs, changing  
144 their dressing gowns, emptying their bed-  
152 pans, taking them for walks, etc. At 2:00  
161 she is very behind when Pam beeps her to  
170 the nurse's station and asks her to check on  
175 Mrs. Green in room 308.

### THINK ABOUT IT!

What should Mary do?

- a. Say she will do it even though she knows she won't have time to do it?
- b. Do it and leave her other patients waiting for her?
- c. Tell Pam she is too busy and can't do it?
- d. Other \_\_\_\_\_

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