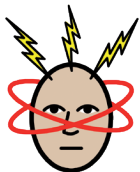




Having an MRI



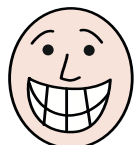
Some people with epilepsy have an MRI scan.



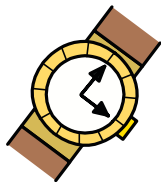
The MRI machine takes photos of your brain.



It is done at the hospital by a radiographer.

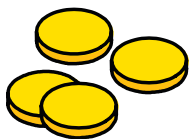


It does not hurt.



You will need to take off any metal. Are you wearing:

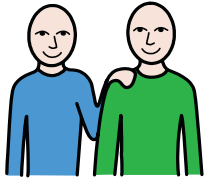
- a watch?
- earrings?
- necklace?



Do you have coins in your pocket?



Helen is taking off her watch.



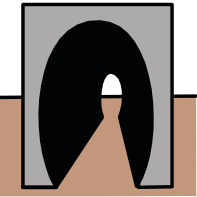
A friend can stay in the room with you during the scan.



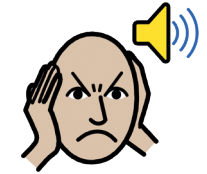
The MRI machine is big.



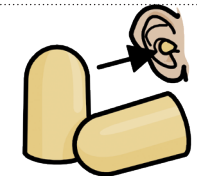
You will be asked to lie down on a table.



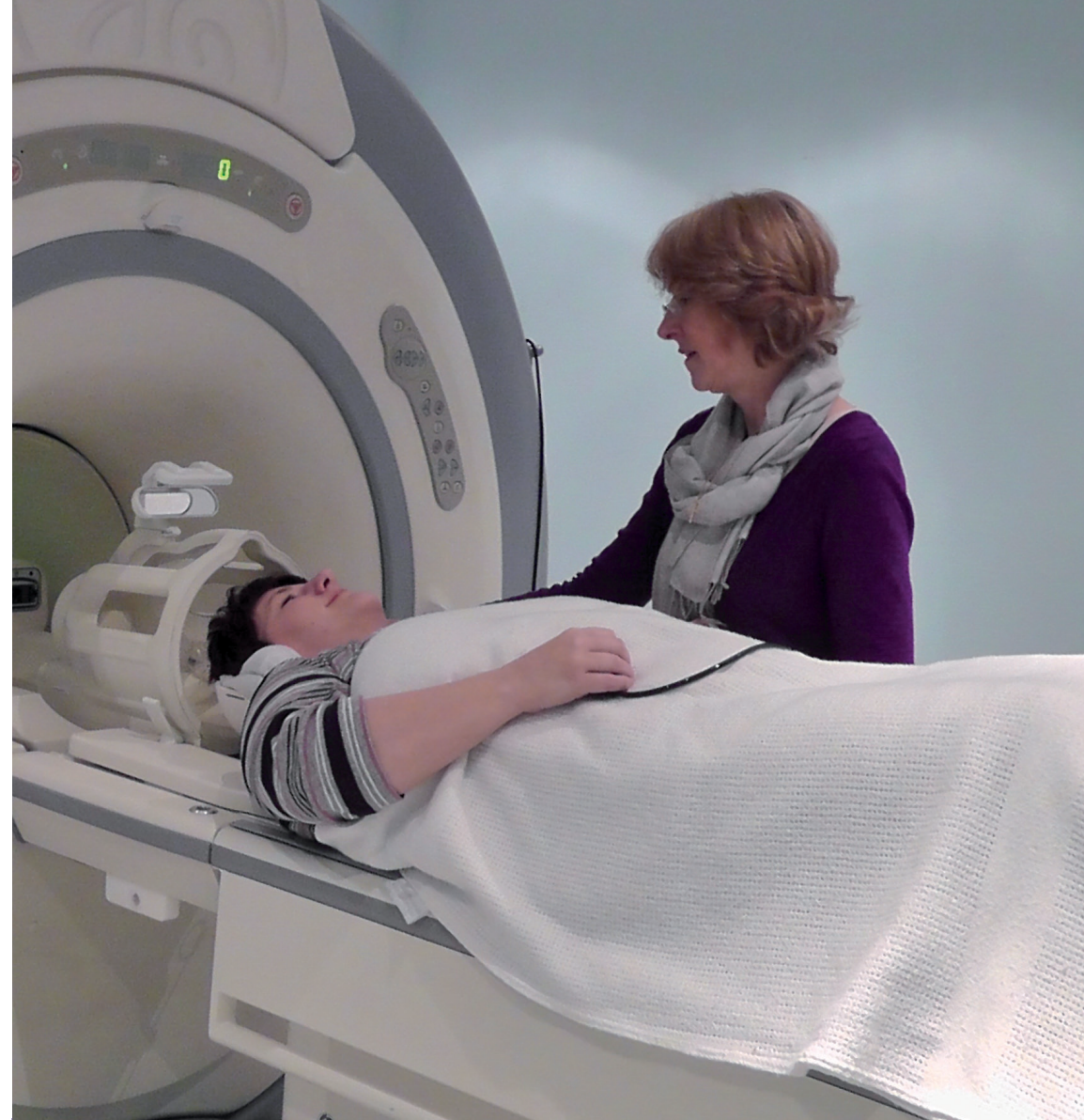
The table slides into a tunnel which may feel small.



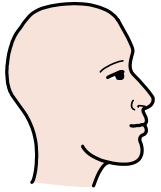
The scan will not hurt but it is very noisy.



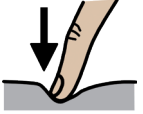
You can have ear plugs.



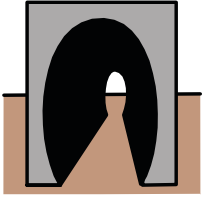
Helen is lying on the table.



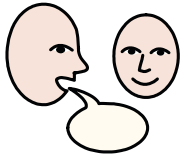
A frame will be pulled over your head.



It will not touch you.



The table will slowly move up and into the tunnel.

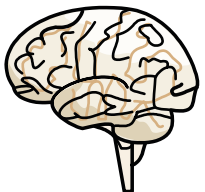


You can talk to the radiographer through a microphone during the test.



There is a ball to squeeze if you are worried during the test.

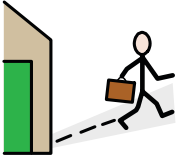
During the test try not to move.



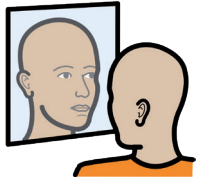
This is good for a clear photo of your brain.



The frame is around Helen's head.



The radiographer will leave the room now.



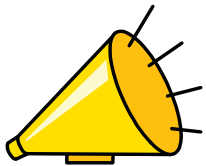
There may be a mirror over your head.



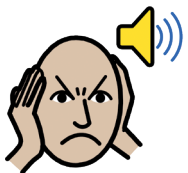
You can see the radiographer in the mirror.

The test will start now.

Try not to move.



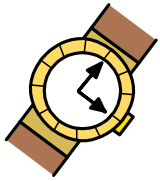
A loud knocking noise will begin.



It doesn't hurt, it is just loud.



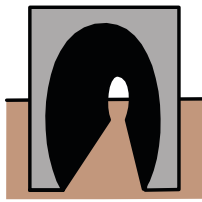
Helen is in the scanner.



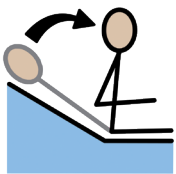
The scan may last for up to 1 hour.



The radiographer will tell you when the test has stopped.



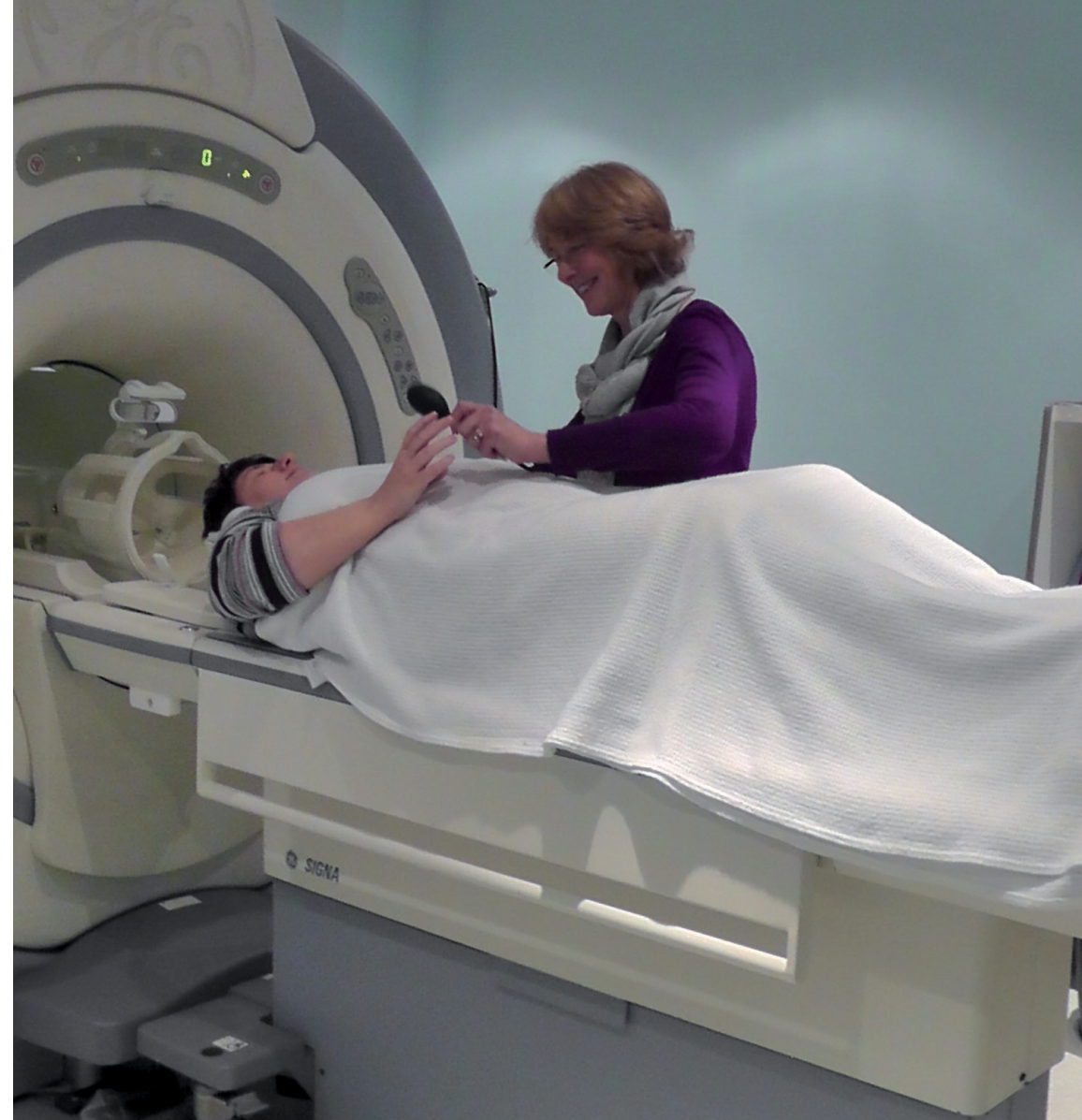
The table will slide out of the tunnel.



You can sit up now.



Your medical team will explain your results when you next see them.



The scan has finished.

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