

Speaking Lesson

Lesson 04: He's unconscious!

レッスン 04: 彼は意識がありません!

Target: Calling an ambulance

目的: 救急車の呼び方について話しましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• (to) collapse	卒倒する
• (to) dispatch...	派遣する
• shortness of breath	息切れ
• (to) not pay... much mind	～をあまり気にしない
• (to) to have a history of + ing	～の歴史がある
• (be) pre-existing...	前から存在する
• Asthma	ぜんそく
• a pulse	脈
• (be) on medicine	薬で治療中

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Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

Staff: Hello. 911. What's your emergency?
Liam: It's my friend. We were playing soccer when he suddenly collapsed.
Staff: What's your location sir?
Liam: 39 Main Street.
Staff: And what's the nearest cross street?
Liam: Spring Street.
Staff: OK. We are dispatching an ambulance to your position.
Liam: Thank you.
Staff: Can you tell me what happened?
Liam: OK. So, we were playing soccer in the park for about 30 minutes or so, when he started to complain about shortness of breath. We just thought he was out of shape and didn't pay it much mind, but after he suddenly collapsed on the ground is when we knew the problem was serious.
Staff: Does he have a history of fainting or collapsing?
Liam: No, I think this is the first time.
Staff: Does he have any pre-existing medical conditions, like asthma?
Liam: I don't believe so.
Staff: Now, can you tell me if he is conscious?
Liam: No, he's unconscious.
Staff: Is he breathing?
Liam: Yes, he is. I can see his chest going up and down a bit. Also, I checked his pulse.
Staff: And?
Liam: It's faint but it's definitely there.
Staff: That's good. Is he on any medicine?
Liam: He's taking some antibiotics for an infection he had a week ago, but that's it.
Staff: Do you know the name of the medication?
Liam: I'm sorry, I don't.
Staff: That's OK. And can you tell me your name please?
Liam: Smith, Liam Smith.
Staff: Thank you, Mr. Smith. Your friend should be fine. The ambulance should be there shortly. Please stay with your friend.

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Answer the questions below

1. What does the operator say to ask about the reason of the call?
2. What does the operator say to get Liam to tell her what happened?
3. What does Liam say to begin the story of the incident?
4. What does the operator say to ask about a history of similar incidents?
5. What does the operator say to ask about pre-existing medical conditions?
6. What does the operator say to ask if he is conscious?
7. What does the operator say to ask about medication he might be on?
8. What does the operator say to ask about the medication's name?