Vocabulary

First aid

1 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- Have you ever experienced a patient with
  blisters?
  third-degree burns?
  severe bleeding?
- How should you treat them?

2 Complete each sentence with a word from the box.

apply	keep	squeeze
check for	make sure	sterilize
immerse	puncture	swab
immobilize	remove	treat

1 _____ a clean, sharp needle with alcohol.

2 _____ there is no glass or other foreign body in the wound.

3 Use the needle to _____ the blister.

4 Don't _____ burnt clothing.

5 _____ a main artery if necessary.

6 _____ the injured person lying down.

7 _____ the injured body part once the bleeding has stopped.

8 _____ the person for shock.

9 Don't _____ severe large burns in cold water.

10 _____ signs of circulation.

11 _____ with Iodine or rubbing alcohol.

12 _____ antibiotic ointment and cover with a bandage.

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Language spot

Instructions

- To tell somebody what to do, you can use the Imperative.

Check *for signs of circulation.*
Apply *the pads to his chest.*

- To tell somebody what not to do, add *Don't …*

Don't remove *burnt clothing.*

- To emphasize what is important, you can use *Make sure …*

Make sure *the wound is clean.*
Make sure *you don't touch his body.*

- When asking for instructions, you can use the Present Simple, *have to*, *shall*, and *should*.

What ***do I do*** *now?*
Do I ***have to immobilize*** *his leg?*
Shall I take off *the dressing now?*
What dosage ***should I give*** *him?*

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1 Match the beginnings and endings of the sentences.

1	Check that	a	I count up to between breaths?
2	Make sure you	b	I give her?
3	What do	c	have to apply the pads?
4	Don't let	d	the patient is breathing.
5	Should I	e	the patient try to stand up.
6	Shall I bandage	f	put the burnt area under running water?
7	Don't	g	the patient's pulse again.
8	What dosage shall	h	tie the bandage too tight!
9	Take	i	the wound now?
10	Where do I	j	use a sterile needle.

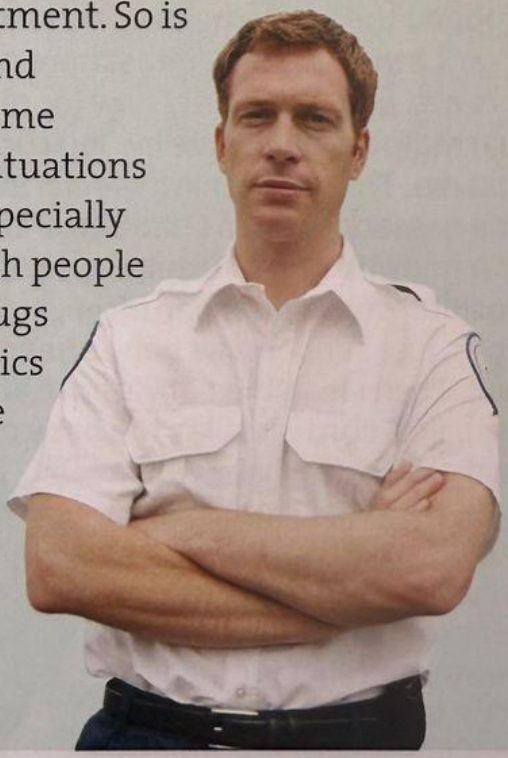
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Jeff Oliver

I'm Jeff Oliver. I'm 24 years old. I decided to become a paramedic when I saw two of them treating a driver at the scene of an accident when I was a boy.

I started as a trainee ambulance technician, and trained for two and a half years to become a qualified paramedic. Now I administer life-saving procedures myself. It's part of my everyday work to defibrillate the heart of a cardiac arrest, to apply splints to limbs and dress wounds, and to set up drips.

I have to make quick decisions – it's an important part of giving emergency treatment. So is communicating clearly and keeping a clear head in some difficult situations. And situations are often *very* difficult, especially when we have to deal with people under the influence of drugs and alcohol. But paramedics don't think twice – we are always first at the scene when there is a suicide, a road accident, or a fire. When you save a life, it's the best job in the world.



2 Join these word combinations used in the text.

1 become	a a life
2 deal with	b as a trainee
3 give	c a qualified paramedic
4 make	d treatment
5 save	e people
6 start	f decisions

3 Would you like to do Jeff's job?

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