



Unit 8

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a. In the computer lesson, Mary left John a message about a road accident. Later on, John phones Mary back and talks to her. Use the words below to complete their conversation.

accident • ambulance • bridge • broken • crossed • emergency room
nowhere • rushed • scared • side • speeding

John: Mary. Is that you? It's John. How are you?

Mary: Oh, John. It's good to hear from you. I think we were very lucky. As I told you in my message, Mike and I were traveling over that (1) _____ on Route 6 when a big truck came (2) _____ towards us. Imagine how we felt when it (3) _____ over on to our (4) _____ of the road.

John: You must have been so (5) _____.

Mary: Oh, I was! There was (6) _____ for us to go. We couldn't do anything to prevent the (7) _____. The truck just crashed into the side of our car. Someone stopped at once and called an (8) _____ and they (9) _____ us to the hospital.

John: Are you still in the (10) _____? Can I come and take you home?

Mary: Oh, yes, please. That would be great. Mike's being kept in the hospital with a (11) _____ leg, but I can't wait to get home.



b. Check your answers to activity a. with a partner and then practice the dialogue.

c. Below is a police report of Mary's accident. Complete the report with the details from activity a.



ACCIDENT REPORT

Case Number: 34675



Reporting Officer:	Foster Jones
Road on which accident occurred:	
(1) _____	
Date and time:	5/1, 16:45
First Driver:	Mike Wilkins
	2587 Southern Drive, L.A.
Tel:	907 5830
Type of vehicle:	private car
Witness: (2) _____	Wilkins
	2587 Southern Drive, L.A.
Tel:	907-5830
Second Driver:	Tom Crouch
	3436 Lakeland Way, L.A.
Tel:	907-6744
Type of vehicle: (3) _____	
Injuries: (4) _____	
Description of accident: (5) _____	

d. Exchange reports with a partner. Do you agree with each other's answers?



e. Imagine you are the police officer who interviewed Mary after the accident. Which of the following questions do you think the police officer asked her in order to complete the report? Add three more questions of your own.

- 1. What is your name and address?
- 2. Was anyone hurt?
- 3. Can I take you to the hospital?
- 4. Where did the accident take place?
- 5. Can you tell me how the accident happened?
- 6. Were you scared?

7. _____
 8. _____
 9. _____

f. Write the conversation between Mary and the police officer.

Police officer: _____

Mary: _____

Police officer: _____

Mary: _____

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Mary: _____

Police officer: _____

g. Practice your dialogue with a partner.



Marge Has a Baby

a. Do you remember the story about Marge? Her baby was born in an ambulance on the way to the hospital. Read the report of her experience as it was written in the local newspaper. Complete the report with the names of the people involved.

Alex Winters (Marge's husband) • Thomas Brown (the driver of the ambulance)
Marge Winters • Jonas Matthews (a medical student doing ambulance service)

SPECIAL DELIVERY IN AMBULANCE



Yesterday, a very special delivery took place in an ambulance. Jonas Matthews, a medical student, doing ambulance service, delivered his first baby. "My wife was due to have her baby any time, but when we went for a ride through the park, I wasn't prepared for the fact that the car might run out of gas," said

(1) _____

"At least we had a car phone and my husband could call an ambulance for help", added (2) _____.

"I knew that the baby was on its way," said (3) _____, "so I tried to get to the hospital as quickly as possible. However, there wasn't enough time."

"I have never delivered a baby before," admitted (4) _____, who was on ambulance duty, "but I'm very pleased that my first delivery was in an ambulance!"

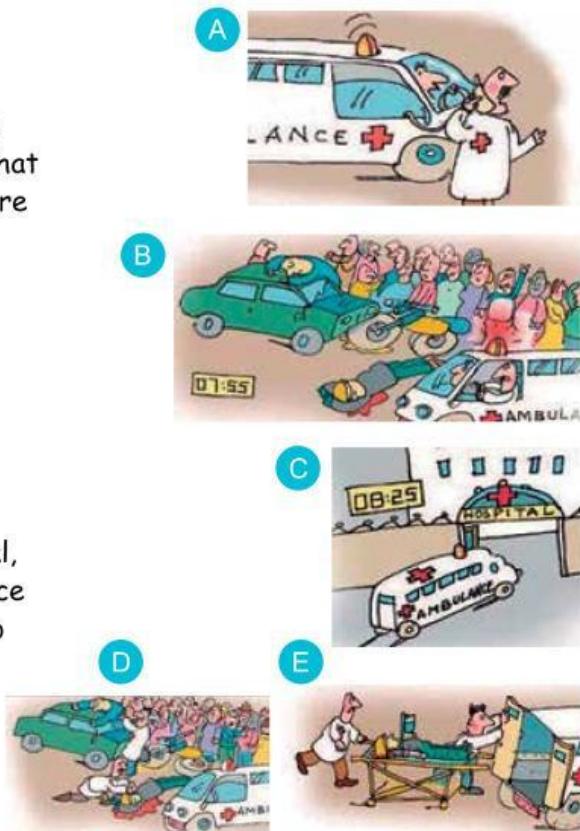
After the baby was born, the ambulance arrived at the hospital, where doctors checked the mother and baby, who are doing well.



b. After taking Marge to the hospital, the ambulance was called to the scene of a road accident. Match the sentences in the ambulance report to the pictures below.

Ambulance Report:

- 1. On arriving at the scene of the accident at 7:55 a.m., we saw that both a motorcycle and a car were involved.
- 2. The first thing we did was to check the two drivers.
- 3. We put the motorcyclist into the ambulance and got ready to take him to the emergency room.
- 4. Before we drove to the hospital, we called for a second ambulance to take the driver of the car to the emergency room.
- 5. We arrived at the emergency room at 8:25 a.m.



c. Write a short newspaper report of the accident as shown in activity b. Give your report a headline and include quotations from the people involved.

_____ (headline)

Yesterday there was a serious accident on _____, " said Fred Smith, the ambulance driver who was called to the accident.

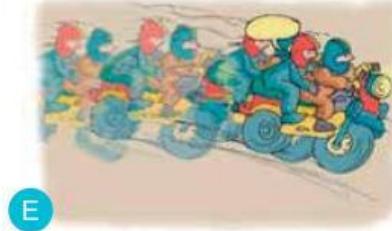
The accident happened because _____, " said Jim Cook, the motorcyclist who was injured. Both drivers were taken to _____, " said the doctor who treated them.

d. Exchange your report with a partner. Read your report to the class.

I Have to Go

a. Read what some people say about different obligations. Match what each person says to the appropriate picture below. Then write what the other person in the picture says in reply.

- 1. "I'm supposed to be on duty at the police station in an hour."
- 2. "You're supposed to signal when you turn left."
- 3. "Where's the ambulance? It's supposed to be here by now."
- 4. "Slow down! You're not supposed to go over the speed limit!"
- 5. "I thought you were supposed to fill up with gas on the way home from work."



b. Compare your answers with a partner.