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Level 3

Man waits 3 hours for ambulance

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150108-ambulance.html>

A man who broke his leg in Wales had to wait for three hours for an ambulance to arrive. Luigi Segadelli, 30, broke his leg while playing in a rugby match in Swansea, Wales. His medical team called for an ambulance and the game was stopped while they waited for it to arrive. The players and officials waited and waited but no ambulance turned up. In the end, the match was called off. Stadium workers had to turn the floodlights on so Mr Segadelli would not have to wait in the dark. His teammates covered him in blankets to protect him from the cold. The ambulance service told people not to move Mr Segadelli as his injury could become worse. An ambulance finally arrived three hours later.

Mr Segadelli is now recovering in a local hospital. He needed an operation to repair his broken leg. Doctors put metal pins in his leg to make sure it heals properly. Segadelli is not happy with his experience. He told reporters: "I want an apology for the delay. They must have the decency to make sure it does not happen to anyone else again." He explained what happened while he was waiting for the ambulance. He said: "I was cold and shaking. When the paramedics saw how long it was taking to get colour back into my foot, they said it was a big concern because I had been in the cold so long there was a risk of losing my foot." The Welsh Ambulance Service said it had been very busy that day.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-south-west-wales-30693304>
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WARM-UPS

1. AMBULANCES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about ambulances. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

broken leg / three hours / ambulance / doctor / floodlights / in the dark / the cold / recovering / operation / apology / shaking / paramedics / worried / risk / very busy

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. THREE HOURS: What would you do in these situations? Complete this table and share what you wrote with your partner(s). Change partners often.

Three hours...	What you would do	Why?
waiting for an ambulance		
waiting for a first date		
waiting to see the dentist		
stuck in an elevator		
with no Internet or phone		
stuck in traffic		

4. PRIVATE AMBULANCE: Students A **strongly** believe all sports teams should have their own private ambulance; Students B **strongly** believe this isn't necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. WAITING: Rank these with your partner. Put the worst things to wait for at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- an ambulance
- an Internet connection
- a friend to arrive
- the dentist
- pay day
- an apology
- the rain to stop
- food to be served

6. DOCTORS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "doctors". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150108-ambulance.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | | |
|----|---|-------|
| a. | A man waited for three hours for an ambulance with a broken back. | T / F |
| b. | The man was injured while playing in a rugby game. | T / F |
| c. | The man's teammates put blankets on him to help keep him warm. | T / F |
| d. | The ambulance service told people not to move the man. | T / F |
| e. | The man is now out of hospital. | T / F |
| f. | The man said he was happy with the ambulance service. | T / F |
| g. | Paramedics worried after they saw the man's foot turn blue. | T / F |
| h. | The ambulance service was not so busy when the man was injured. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|------------|----|----------------|
| 1. | match | a. | shield |
| 2. | called | b. | come |
| 3. | arrive | c. | surgery |
| 4. | called off | d. | concerned |
| 5. | protect | e. | game |
| 6. | recovering | f. | wait |
| 7. | operation | g. | phoned |
| 8. | delay | h. | getting better |
| 9. | worried | i. | chance |
| 10. | risk | j. | abandoned |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | | | |
|-----|--|----|------------------------|
| 1. | A man who broke his leg waited | a. | no ambulance came |
| 2. | rugby | b. | for the delay |
| 3. | they waited for it to arrive but | c. | came three hours later |
| 4. | wait in the | d. | with cold |
| 5. | An ambulance finally | e. | for three hours |
| 6. | recovering in | f. | busy that day |
| 7. | I want an apology | g. | dark |
| 8. | he was shaking | h. | his foot |
| 9. | there was a risk of him losing | i. | match |
| 10. | The ambulance service said it was very | j. | hospital |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150108-ambulance.html>

A man who (1) _____ his leg in Wales had to wait for three hours for an ambulance to (2) _____. Luigi Segadelli, 30, broke his leg while playing in a rugby match in Swansea, Wales. His medical team called for an ambulance and the game was (3) _____ while they waited for it to arrive. The players and officials waited and waited but no ambulance (4) _____ up. In the end, the match was called off. Stadium workers had to turn the (5) _____ on so Mr Segadelli would not have to wait in the (6) _____. His teammates covered him in (7) _____ to protect him from the cold. The ambulance service told people not to move Mr Segadelli as his injury could become (8) _____. An ambulance finally arrived three hours later.

floodlights

arrive

blankets

broke

worse

turned

stopped

dark

Mr Segadelli is now (9) _____ in a local hospital. He needed an operation to repair his broken leg. Doctors put metal pins in his leg to make sure it heals (10) _____. Segadelli is not happy with his experience. He told reporters: "I want an (11) _____ for the delay. They must have the decency to make sure it does not happen to anyone (12) _____ again." He explained what happened while he was waiting for the ambulance. He said: "I was cold and shaking. When the paramedics saw how long it was (13) _____ to get colour back into my foot, they said it was a big (14) _____ because I had been in the cold so long there was a risk of (15) _____ my foot." The Welsh Ambulance Service said it had been very (16) _____ that day.

properly

taking

losing

recovering

busy

else

apology

concern

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) A man who broke his leg in Wales had to wait for three hours for _____
 - a. an ambulance to arrive
 - b. an ambulance too arrive
 - c. an ambulance to arrival
 - d. the ambulance to arrive
- 2) Luigi Segadelli, 30, broke his leg while playing in _____ Swansea
 - a. a rugby match on
 - b. the rugby match in
 - c. a rugby match in
 - d. the rugby match on
- 3) The players and officials waited and waited but no _____
 - a. ambulance tuned up
 - b. ambulance trained up
 - c. ambulance turned up
 - d. ambulance churned up
- 4) His teammates covered him in blankets to protect _____
 - a. him from the colds
 - b. him from the coldly
 - c. him from the coldness
 - d. him from the cold
- 5) The ambulance service told people not to move Mr Segadelli as his injury _____
 - a. could become worst
 - b. could become words
 - c. could become worse
 - d. could become whirls
- 6) He needed an operation to repair _____
 - a. his broken leg
 - b. his breaking leg
 - c. his breaker leg
 - d. his broke leg
- 7) They must have the decency to make sure it does not happen to _____
 - a. anyone more again
 - b. anyone else again
 - c. anyone some again
 - d. anyone health again
- 8) the paramedics saw how long it was taking to get colour _____
 - a. backs into my foot
 - b. backs onto my foot
 - c. back onto my foot
 - d. back into my foot
- 9) it was a big concern because I had been in the cold so long there was a risk _____
 - a. if losing my foot
 - b. of losing my foot
 - c. for losing my foot
 - d. off losing my foot
- 10) The Welsh Ambulance Service said it had been very _____
 - a. busily that day
 - b. business that day
 - c. bossy that day
 - d. busy that day

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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A man who broke his leg in Wales had (1) _____ hours for an ambulance to arrive. Luigi Segadelli, 30, broke his leg while playing in a rugby match in Swansea, Wales. His medical (2) _____ ambulance and the game was stopped while they waited for it to arrive. The players and officials (3) _____ but no ambulance turned up. In the end, the match (4) _____. Stadium workers had to turn the floodlights on so Mr Segadelli would not have to wait in the dark. His teammates covered him in blankets to (5) _____ the cold. The ambulance service told people not to move Mr Segadelli as his injury could become worse. An ambulance (6) _____ hours later.

Mr Segadelli is now (7) _____ local hospital. He needed an operation to repair his broken leg. Doctors put metal pins (8) _____ sure it heals properly. Segadelli is not happy with his experience. He told reporters: "I want (9) _____ the delay. They must have the decency to make sure it does not happen to (10) _____." He explained what happened while he was waiting for the ambulance. He said: "I was cold and shaking. When the paramedics saw how long it was taking to get colour (11) _____, they said it was a big concern because I had been in the cold so long there was a risk of (12) _____." The Welsh Ambulance Service said it had been very busy that day.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150108-ambulance.html>

1. What did a man break?

2. What kind of game was the man playing in?

3. What did people turn on so the man wouldn't be in the dark?

4. What did the man's teammates use to protect him from the cold?

5. What did the ambulance service tell people not to do?

6. Where is the man now?

7. What did doctors put in the man's leg?

8. What does the man want from the ambulance service?

9. What colour did the man's foot become?

10. What reason did the ambulance service give for being late?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150108-ambulance.html>

1. What did a man break?
 - a) the rules
 - b) his leg
 - c) the law
 - d) his back
2. What kind of game was the man playing in?
 - a) a card game
 - b) an important game
 - c) a new game
 - d) a rugby game
3. What did people turn on so the man wouldn't be in the dark?
 - a) emergency lights
 - b) their mobile phones
 - c) floodlights
 - d) torches
4. What did the man's teammates use to protect him from the cold?
 - a) blankets
 - b) candles
 - c) their bodies
 - d) car engines
5. What did the ambulance service tell people not to do?
 - a) talk to the man
 - b) move the man
 - c) bring the man to hospital
 - d) play rugby
6. Where is the man now?
 - a) in hospital
 - b) at home
 - c) in an ambulance
 - d) playing rugby
7. What did doctors put in the man's leg?
 - a) needles
 - b) blood
 - c) metal pins
 - d) a new bone
8. What does the man want from the ambulance service?
 - a) an apology
 - b) money
 - c) an ambulance
 - d) medical help
9. What colour did the man's foot become?
 - a) white
 - b) orange
 - c) red
 - d) blue
10. What reason did the ambulance service give for being late?
 - a) it was Sunday
 - b) the drivers were sick
 - c) it was busy
 - d) no reason

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – An ambulance

You think an ambulance is the worst thing to wait for. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so bad. Also, tell the others which of these is the least difficult to wait for (and why): pay day, an apology or food to be served.

Role B – Pay day

You think pay day is the worst thing to wait for. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so bad. Also, tell the others which of these is the least difficult to wait for (and why): an ambulance, an apology or food to be served.

Role C – An apology

You think an apology is the worst thing to wait for. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so bad. Also, tell the others which of these is the least difficult to wait for (and why): pay day, an ambulance or food to be served.

Role D – Food to be served

You think food to be served is the worst thing to wait for. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so bad. Also, tell the others which of these is the least difficult to wait for (and why): pay day, an apology or an ambulance.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150108-ambulance.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'break' and 'leg'.

break	leg
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30• stopped• off• protect• move• finally	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• hospital• pins• happy• shaking• blue• busy
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AMBULANCES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about ambulances in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

AMBULANCES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'ambulance'?
- 3) What experiences do you have with ambulances?
- 4) What are the good and bad things about ambulances?
- 5) What is the longest it should take for an ambulance to arrive?
- 6) What do you think about what you read?
- 7) What would you do if you had to wait three hours for an ambulance?
- 8) What do you think Mr Segadelli thought about?
- 9) What do you think it's like to be an ambulance driver?
- 10) What's the ambulance service like in your country?

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AMBULANCES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) How would you be feeling if you were Mr Segadelli?
- 13) What can the ambulance service do to stop this happening again?
- 14) How important is an ambulance service?
- 15) Should Mr Segadelli take the ambulance service to court?
- 16) What would have happened if Mr Segadelli lost his foot?
- 17) Should sports teams have their own ambulance?
- 18) What advice do you have for the ambulance service?
- 19) What should the ambulance service do to apologise?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Mr Segadelli?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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A man who (1) _____ his leg in Wales had to wait for three hours for an ambulance to arrive. Luigi Segadelli, 30, broke his leg (2) _____ playing in a rugby match in Swansea, Wales. His medical team called for an ambulance and the game was (3) _____ while they waited for it to arrive. The players and officials waited and waited but no ambulance turned up. In the (4) _____, the match was called off. Stadium workers had to turn the floodlights on so Mr Segadelli would not have to wait in the (5) _____. His teammates covered him in blankets to protect him from the cold. The ambulance service told people not to move Mr Segadelli as his injury could become worse. An ambulance (6) _____ arrived three hours later.

Mr Segadelli is now recovering in a (7) _____ hospital. He needed an operation to repair his broken leg. Doctors put metal pins in his leg to make sure it (8) _____ properly. Segadelli is not happy with his experience. He told reporters: "I want an apology for the (9) _____. They must have the decency to make sure it does not happen to anyone (10) _____ again." He explained what happened while he was waiting for the ambulance. He said: "I was cold and shaking. When the paramedics saw how long it was taking to get colour (11) _____ into my foot, they said it was a big concern because I had been in the cold so long there was a risk of losing my foot." The Welsh Ambulance Service said it had been very busy (12) _____ day.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) break | (b) breaking | (c) broken | (d) broke |
| 2. | (a) wish | (b) where | (c) was | (d) while |
| 3. | (a) stopping | (b) stopped | (c) stops | (d) stop |
| 4. | (a) final | (b) start | (c) end | (d) beginning |
| 5. | (a) lonely | (b) light | (c) dark | (d) bus |
| 6. | (a) finally | (b) firstly | (c) friendly | (d) firmly |
| 7. | (a) next | (b) local | (c) close | (d) opposite |
| 8. | (a) heals | (b) feels | (c) wheels | (d) gels |
| 9. | (a) decay | (b) delay | (c) relay | (d) belay |
| 10. | (a) another | (b) other | (c) else | (d) whoever |
| 11. | (a) leg | (b) front | (c) back | (d) arm |
| 12. | (a) such | (b) so | (c) this | (d) that |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. they waited for it to errairv
2. Workers turned on the oliodgtshlf
3. His team put antkslbe on him
4. ttproec him from the cold
5. his leg could become osrwe
6. An ambulance lyflina came

Paragraph 2

7. Segadelli is now revrngcioe in hospital
8. He had an oaiontepr
9. I want an ypogloa for the delay
10. he was nhasikg with cold
11. He said the aasprdceim were worried
12. The ambulance iscerev said it was very busy

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150108-ambulance.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () move Mr Segadelli as his injury could become worse. An ambulance finally arrived three hours later.
- () waiting for the ambulance. He said: "I was cold and shaking. When the paramedics saw how
- () officials waited and waited but no ambulance turned up. In the end, the match was called off. Stadium workers had to turn
- () long it was taking to get colour back into my foot, they said it was a big concern because I had been in the
- () sure it does not happen to anyone else again." He explained what happened while he was
- (**1**) A man who broke his leg in Wales had to wait for three hours for an ambulance to arrive. Luigi Segadelli,
- () Mr Segadelli is now recovering in a local hospital. He needed an operation to repair his
- () the floodlights on so Mr Segadelli would not have to wait in the dark. His teammates covered him in
- () blankets to protect him from the cold. The ambulance service told people not to
- () experience. He told reporters: "I want an apology for the delay. They must have the decency to make
- () cold so long there was a risk of losing my foot." The Welsh Ambulance Service said it had been very busy that day.
- () broken leg. Doctors put metal pins in his leg to make sure it heals properly. Segadelli is not happy with his
- () ambulance and the game was stopped while they waited for it to arrive. The players and
- () 30, broke his leg while playing in a rugby match in Swansea, Wales. His medical team called for an

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. to hours an for Wait three for . ambulance arrive

2. for team His an called medical ambulance .

3. while The was game . waited it for stopped they

4. called In , was end match off the the .

5. blankets His him him teammates to in covered protect .

6. local Mr now a is in hospital Segadelli recovering .

7. make his metal sure leg pins Doctors it to in put heals .

8. else again Make sure it does not happen to anyone .

9. was saw taking how long The it paramedics .

10. of There losing was my a foot risk .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150108-ambulance.html>

A man who *broke / broken* his leg in Wales had to wait for three hours for an ambulance to *depart / arrive*. Luigi Segadelli, 30, broke his leg *while / was* playing in a rugby match in Swansea, Wales. His medical team called for an ambulance and the game was *stopping / stopped* while they waited for it to arrive. The players and officials waited and waited but *no / not* ambulance turned up. In the end, the match was called *on / off*. Stadium workers had to turn the floodlights on so Mr Segadelli would not have to wait in the *light / dark*. His teammates covered him in *blanket / blankets* to protect him from the cold. The ambulance service told people *not / no* to move Mr Segadelli as his injury could become worse. An ambulance *finally / final* arrived three hours later.

Mr Segadelli is now *recovery / recovering* in a local hospital. He needed an operation to *repair / repairing* his broken leg. Doctors put metal pins in his leg to make sure it *heels / heals* properly. Segadelli is not *happily / happy* with his experience. He told reporters: "I want an *apologise / apology* for the delay. They must have the *decency / decent* to make sure it does not happen to anyone *else / whoever* again." He explained what happened while he was waiting for the ambulance. He said: "I was cold and *shook / shaking*. When the paramedics saw how long it was taking to get colour *back / be* into my foot, they said it was a big concern because I had been in the *cold / cool* so long there was a risk of losing my foot." The Welsh Ambulance Service said it had been very busy that day.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_ m_n wh_ br_k_ h_s l_g _n W_l_s h_d t_ w__t f_r
thr__ h__rs f_r _n _mb_l_nc_ t_ _rr_v_. L__g_
S_g_d_ll_, 30, br_k_ h_s l_g wh_l_ pl_y_ng _n _r_gby
m_tch _n Sw_ns__, W_l_s. H_s m_d_c_l t__m c_ll_d f_r
_n _mb_l_nc_ _nd th_g_m_ w_s st_pp_d wh_l_ th_y
w__t_d f_r t_t_ _rr_v_. Th_ pl_y_rs _nd _ff_c__ls
w__t_d _nd w__t_d b_t_n_ _mb_l_nc_ t_rn_d _p. _n
th_ _nd, th_ m_tch w_s c_ll_d _ff. St_d__m w_rk_rs
h_d t_ t_rn th_ fl__dl_ghts _n_s_ Mr S_g_d_ll_ w__ld
n_t h_v_ t_ w__t _n th_ d_rk. H_s t__mm_t_s c_v_r_d
h_m _n bl_nk_ts t_ pr_t_ct h_m fr_m th_ c_ld. Th_
_mb_l_nc_ s_rv_c_ t_ld p__pl_ n_t t_ m_v_ Mr
S_g_d_ll_ _s h_s _nj_ry c__ld b_c_m_ w_rs_. _n
_mb_l_nc_ f_n_lly _rr_v_d thr__ h__rs l_t_r.

Mr S_g_d_ll_ _s n_w_r_c_v_r_ng _n _l_c_l h_sp_t_l.
H_ n__d_d _n _p_r_t__n t_ r_p__r h_s br_k_n l_g.
D_ct_rs p_t m_t_l p_ns _n h_s l_g t_ m_k_s_r__t
h__ls pr_p_rly. S_g_d_ll_ _s n_t h_ppy w_th h_s
_xp_r__nc_. H_ t_ld r_p_r_t_rs: "_ w_nt _n _p_l_gy f_r
th_ d_l_y. Th_y m_st h_v_ th_ d_c_ncy t_ m_k_s_r__t
d__s n_t h_pp_n t_ _ny_n_ _ls_ _g__n." H_ _xpl__nd
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1501/150108-ambulance.html>

a man who broke his leg in wales had to wait for three hours for an ambulance to arrive luigi segadelli 30 broke his leg while playing in a rugby match in swansea wales his medical team called for an ambulance and the game was stopped while they waited for it to arrive the players and officials waited and waited but no ambulance turned up in the end the match was called off stadium workers had to turn the floodlights on so mr segadelli would not have to wait in the dark his teammates covered him in blankets to protect him from the cold the ambulance service told people not to move mr segadelli as his injury could become worse an ambulance finally arrived three hours later

mr segadelli is now recovering in a local hospital he needed an operation to repair his broken leg doctors put metal pins in his leg to make sure it heals properly segadelli is not happy with his experience he told reporters "i want an apology for the delay they must have the decency to make sure it does not happen to anyone else again" he explained what happened while he was waiting for the ambulance he said "i was cold and shaking when the paramedics saw how long it was taking to get colour back into my foot they said it was a big concern because i had been in the cold so long there was a risk of losing my foot" the welsh ambulance service said it had been very busy that day

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about ambulances. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. AMBULANCES: Make a poster about ambulances and paramedics. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. LUIGI: Write a magazine article about Luigi and his three-hour ambulance wait. Include imaginary interviews with him and the head of the ambulance service.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on ambulances. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make the ambulance service better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c T d T e F f F g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. match | a. game |
| 2. called | b. phoned |
| 3. arrive | c. come |
| 4. called off | d. abandoned |
| 5. protect | e. shield |
| 6. recovering | f. getting better |
| 7. operation | g. surgery |
| 8. delay | h. wait |
| 9. worried | i. concerned |
| 10. risk | j. chance |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. His leg
2. A rugby match
3. Floodlights
4. Blankets
5. Move the man
6. In hospital
7. Metal pins
8. An apology
9. Blue
10. It was very busy

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)