

Good News Bad News Unit 9 Hitchhiking to the Hospital	<i>injure</i>	けがをさせる(する)
	<i>ambulance</i>	きゅうきゅうしゃ 救急車
	<i>stretcher</i>	たんか 担架
	<i>apparently</i>	めいはく 明白に
	<i>vehicle</i>	の もの じどうしゃ 乗り物、自動車・バス・トラック・自転車など
	<i>patient</i>	かんじゃ 患者

Before you listen again, read the sentences below. Then listen and number them in the order the events happened.



- a. The man was put into the ambulance.
- b. A truck driver gave the man a ride to the hospital.
- c. A man was injured in a car accident.
- d. The man was treated for his injuries at the hospital.
- e. The man fell out of the ambulance.
- f. The ambulance driver didn't close the doors properly.
- g. An ambulance arrived to take him to the hospital.

1. According to Italian newspapers, / an **injured** man / fell out / of the back of an ambulance / onto the road/ and had to hitchhike / the rest of the way / to the hospital./
2. Twenty-three-year-old / Carmine Urciuolo / was injured / in a traffic accident / near Naples on Thursday afternoon./
3. An **ambulance** / soon arrived at the scene, / and Carmine was put / onto a stretcher / and into the ambulance./
4. While the ambulance / was taking him / to the nearest hospital, / Urciuolo and the **stretcher** / he was lying on / fell out of the ambulance./
5. **Apparently**, / the driver / had not correctly closed / the doors of the **vehicle**./
6. The driver didn't realize / that he had lost the **patient** / until the ambulance / reached the hospital./
7. He was quite surprised / to find no one inside / when he opened / the ambulance doors / outside the emergency department./
8. A passing truck driver / gave Urciuolo / a ride to the hospital, / where he was treated / for minor injuries./
9. The newspapers did not say / which of the injuries / were from the car accident / or which were from / the fall from the ambulance./

a, an and the: the most difficult words in the English language

There are two ways to know how to use these words

1. Learn the rules. ***a*** and ***an*** are used in front of unspecified nouns. ***the*** is used in front of specified nouns. ***an*** has the same function as ***a***, but it is used in front of nouns that begin with a vowel sound (which is not always a vowel letter – for example ***a uniform*** and ***an umbrella***. ***Uniform*** begins with the sound /j/, which is not a vowel sound.
2. Listen carefully. It is not easy to hear the difference between ***a*** and ***the***, but if you know the rules of how they are used, your expectation of what is correct will help your listening comprehension.

Step 1: Read the story and use the rules to decide whether ***a, an, or the*** belongs in the space.

Step 2: Listen to the story confirm which word was used in each space.

- A) According to Italian newspapers, (1)____ injured man fell out of (2)____ back of (3)____ ambulance onto (4)____ road and had to hitchhike (5)____ rest of (6)____ way to (7)____ hospital.
- B) Twenty-three-year-old Carmine Urciuolo was injured in (8)____ traffic accident near Naples on Thursday afternoon.
- C) (9)____ ambulance soon arrived at (10)____ scene, and Carmine was put onto (11)____ stretcher and into (12)____ ambulance.
- D) While (13)____ ambulance was taking him to (14)____ nearest hospital, Urciuolo and (15)____ stretcher he was lying on fell out of (16)____ ambulance.
- E) Apparently, (17)____ driver had not correctly closed (18)____ doors of (19)____ vehicle.
- F) (20)____ driver didn't realize that he had lost (21)____ patient until (22)____ ambulance reached (23)____ hospital.
- G) He was quite surprised to find no one inside when he opened (24)____ ambulance doors outside (25)____ emergency department.
- H) (26)____ passing truck driver gave Urciuolo (27)____ ride to (28)____ hospital, where he was treated for minor injuries.
- I) (29)____ newspapers did not say which of (30)____ injuries were from (31)____ car accident or which were from (32)____ fall from (33)____ ambulance.

The recording of this story is 60 seconds long. In 60 seconds, *a, an and the* appear 33 times – an average of once every 2 seconds!

Good News, Bad News – Unit 9
Hitchhiking to the Hospital

Dictation. In each blank space there is a phrase of 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 words. Listen and fill in the blanks. Listen carefully for the short words such as a, an, the, in, on, to, of

A	(1)_____ Italian newspapers, an injured man fell (2)_____ of an ambulance onto the road and had to hitchhike (3)_____ to the hospital.
B	Twenty-three-year-old Carmine Urciuolo (4)_____ near Naples on Thursday afternoon.
C	An ambulance soon arrived at the scene, and Carmine was (5)_____ and into the ambulance.
D	While the ambulance was taking him (6)_____, Urciuolo and the stretcher he was lying on fell out of the ambulance.
E	Apparently, the driver had not correctly closed (7)_____.
F	The driver didn't realize that (8)_____ until the ambulance reached the hospital.
G	He was quite surprised to find (9)_____ when he opened the ambulance doors outside the emergency department.
H	A passing truck driver gave Urciuolo a ride to the hospital, (10)_____ for minor injuries.
I	The newspapers did not say (11)_____ were from the car accident or which were from the fall from the ambulance.



VERBS

According to Italian newspapers, an injured man (1)_____ out of the back of an ambulance onto the road and (2)_____ hitchhike the rest of the way to the hospital. Twenty-three-year-old Carmine Urciuolo (3)_____ in a traffic accident near Naples on Thursday afternoon.

An ambulance soon (4)_____ at the scene, and Carmine (5)_____ onto a stretcher and into the ambulance. While the ambulance (6)_____ him to the nearest hospital, Urciuolo and the stretcher he (7)_____ on (8)_____ out of the ambulance.

Apparently, the driver [(9)_____ correctly _____] the doors of the vehicle. The driver (10)_____ that he (11)_____ the patient until the ambulance (12)_____ the hospital. He [(13)_____ quite _____] to find no one inside when he (14)_____ the ambulance doors outside the emergency department.

A passing truck driver (15)_____ Urciuolo a ride to the hospital, where he (16)_____ for minor injuries. The newspapers (17)_____ which of the injuries (18)_____ from the car accident or which (19)_____ from the fall from the ambulance.

Choose from these verbs the correct verb for each space. Put the verb in the correct tense and aspect. Some of the verbs are in passive voice (the BE verb + the past participle) and some are in active voice.

arrive

lose

be

not realize

be

not say

close

open

fall

put

fall

reach

give

surprise

have to

take

injure

treat

lie

Write a Summary

Tell the story your way. You can use some of these words, all of these words, or other words in your sentences. You can make it shorter than the original version. Choose the important information to include in your summary.

Who? Where? When?

Carmine Urciuolo
ambulance driver

Naples
patient

Thursday afternoon
truck driver

Vocabulary

ambulance
fall out
lose
put
road
traffic accident

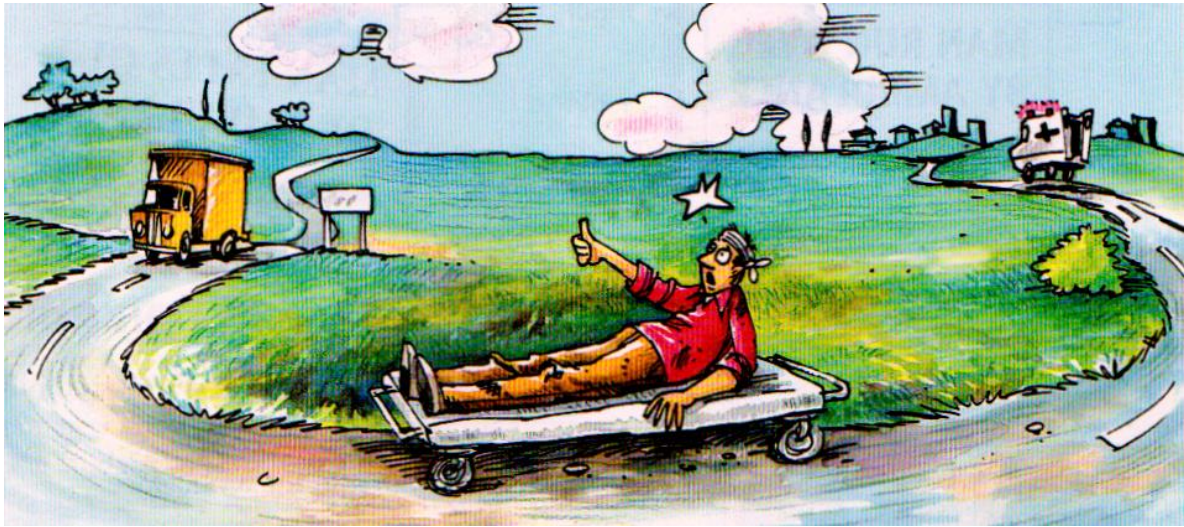
arrived
hitchhike
man
reach
stretcher
truck driver

close
hospital.
minor injuries.
realize
surprise
give

doors
injure
patient
ride
take
vehicle

(double space your writing if you are writing by hand with a pen or a pencil)

Horizontal lines for writing the summary.



According to Italian newspapers, an injured man **fell** out of the back of an ambulance onto the road and **had to** hitchhike the rest of the way to the hospital. Twenty-three-year-old Carmine Urciuolo *was injured* in a traffic accident near Naples on Thursday afternoon.

An ambulance soon **arrived** at the scene, and Carmine *was put* onto a stretcher and into the ambulance. While the ambulance **was taking** him to the nearest hospital, Urciuolo and the stretcher he **was lying** on **fell** out of the ambulance.

Apparently, the driver **had not** correctly **closed** the doors of the vehicle. The driver **didn't realize** that he **had lost** the patient until the ambulance **reached** the hospital. He *was* quite **surprised** to find no one inside when he **opened** the ambulance doors outside the emergency department.

A passing truck driver **gave** Urciuolo a ride to the hospital, where he *was treated* for minor injuries. The newspapers **did not say** which of the injuries **were** from the car accident or which **were** from the fall from the ambulance.

italics = verbs in the passive voice (受動態)

10 verbs are in the simple past, 4 of them are in the passive voice

2 verbs are in the past continuous

2 verbs are in the past perfect

Write a question about each sentence in the story. Use a variety of question words such as *who, what, where, when, why, how, how, how + adjective...*

Write more questions about any detail of the story in spaces 10-13.

	Statements	Questions
1	According to Italian newspapers, an injured man fell out of the back of an ambulance onto the road and <u>had to hitchhike</u> the rest of the way to the hospital.	What did the injured man have to do after he fell out of an ambulance?
2	Twenty-three-year-old Carmine Urciuolo was injured in a traffic accident near Naples on Thursday afternoon.	
3	An ambulance soon arrived at the scene, and Carmine was put onto a stretcher and into the ambulance.	
4	While the ambulance was taking him to the nearest hospital, Urciuolo and the stretcher he was lying on fell out of the ambulance.	
5	Apparently, the driver had not correctly closed the doors of the vehicle.	
6	The driver didn't realize that he had lost the patient until the ambulance reached the hospital.	
7	He was quite surprised to find no one inside when he opened the ambulance doors outside the emergency department.	
8	A passing truck driver gave Urciuolo a ride to the hospital, where he was treated for minor injuries.	
9	The newspapers did not say which of the injuries were from the car accident or which were from the fall from the ambulance.	
10		
11		
12		
13		

Examples of Questions

	Statements	Questions
1	According to Italian newspapers, an injured man fell out of the back of an ambulance onto the road and had to hitchhike the rest of the way to the hospital.	What did the injured man have to do after he fell out of an ambulance?
2	Twenty-three-year-old Carmine Urciuolo was injured in a traffic accident near Naples on Thursday afternoon.	When was he in a traffic accident? Where did the accident happen?
3	An ambulance soon arrived at the scene, and Carmine was put onto a stretcher and into the ambulance.	What arrived at the scene?
4	While the ambulance was taking him to the nearest hospital, Urciuolo and the stretcher he was lying on fell out of the ambulance.	What happened while the ambulance was taking him to the hospital?
5	Apparently, the driver had not correctly closed the doors of the vehicle.	What had the driver not done correctly?
6	The driver didn't realize that he had lost the patient until the ambulance reached the hospital.	What didn't the driver realize?
7	He was quite surprised to find no one inside when he opened the ambulance doors outside the emergency department.	How did the driver feel when he opened the doors of the ambulance?
8	A passing truck driver gave Urciuolo a ride to the hospital, where he was treated for minor injuries.	Who gave Urciuolo a ride to the hospital?
9	The newspapers did not say which of the injuries were from the car accident or which were from the fall from the ambulance.	Did the newspapers say which injuries came from the car accident?
10		Where was the ambulance driver when he noticed the patient was not in the ambulance?
11		Did Urciuolo have minor injuries or major injuries?
12		What fell out of the ambulance?
13		What was Carmine put onto (into)?