

# Talking about Emergencies

**I.** Read these three emergencies with a partner. Put a check (✓) next to the words you do not understand. Underline sentences with a gerund. Circle the sentences with an infinitive.

## **Emergency A.**

A. Anything interesting happen to you over the weekend?

B. Yes, on Sunday I started jogging in my neighborhood and got quite a surprise.

A. What happened?

B. A police car with flashing lights pulled up suddenly across the street. Then a fire truck, another police car, and finally an ambulance arrived.

A. Sounds like a big deal. Or was it a false alarm?

B. Well, I continued to watch the house, and pretty soon the paramedics put my neighbor in the ambulance. He had a heart attack.

A. Wow. I guess that time of the morning is a good time to have an emergency.

B. Yea, too many emergency vehicles are better than none at all.

## **Emergency B.**

A. A lot of accidents happen around the house.

B. You never know if it's going to be your turn next. It's a good idea always to be prepared.

A. What do you mean?

B. Always have emergency phone numbers close by and know what to do until help comes.

A. You mean for bleeding, burns, electric shock and choking?

B. Yes, and heart attacks, seizures, or poisoning, too.

A. I just finished reading some information in the first part of the phone book about that.

B. You also can talk to the Red Cross about taking first aid classes.

A. I know. I am taking my first aid class tomorrow.

**Emergency C.**

A. Did you hear about Mrs. Johnson's son?

B. No, what happened?

A. He swallowed one of her prescription drugs that he found in her medicine cabinet. He began getting sick immediately.

B. Did she find out about it right away?

A. Luckily, she did. Then she rushed him to the hospital.

B. Is he OK now?

A. Yes, they pumped out his stomach.

B. She needs to keep her strong medicines in a safer place, out of the reach of children.

A. She knows that now. She intends putting locks on everything that has something poisonous in it.

B. That's good, but it's always risky to learn things the hard way.

*II. Tell your partner about an emergency you have seen and what people did in that emergency. Write your own dialogue between two people talking about an emergency they saw.*