

THEME 8 EMERGENCY AND HEALTH PROBLEMS READING SKILL (ERKAD)

A. Read the dialogue and answer the questions.

Patient : Hello, Mrs. Marwell.

Doctor : Hello, Mrs. Doren. How do you feel?

Patient : I don't feel well. I have a high fever and a headache.

Doctor : Let me take your temperature.

Patient : OK.

Doctor : It is 39 degrees Celsius. Your temperature isn't normal. We should give you some injections here.

Patient : I think you should. I feel like I am burning up.

Doctor : When you have a high fever, you should stay at home and take a long rest. You should have warm showers, okay?

Patient : Also, my throat isn't well.

Doctor : Open your mouth, please.

Patient : Aaaa.

Doctor : It looks red. You have a sore throat. You shouldn't drink cold water or acidic drinks. You should get some medicine. Here is your prescription. You need more vitamins, too. So you had better eat fruit and vegetables.

Patient : Is there anything else I should do?

Doctor : You should drink lots of water. This is good for your sore throat and runny nose. Also, you had better keep your body warm and sleep well.

Patient : OK, thank you very much.

1. What are the symptoms of her illness?
2. What should she do to get better?

B. Read the dialogue and answer the questions.

Ted : Do you know how to help people in an emergency? For example, when someone faints, what should I do?

Donald : Well, first of all, check if the person is still breathing.

Ted : Hmm.

Donald : Secondly, alert medical personnel, and then position the person properly.

Ted : What else?

Donald : If a person grabs his/her chest and says "my chest hurts", it might be a heart attack.

Ted : Oh, terrible! If the person stops breathing, what should I do?

Donald : Firstly, position his/her head with the chin up. Secondly, get his/her tongue out of the airway.

Ted : And then?

Donald : Then start doing chest compression.

Ted : That's very important to know.

Donald : Yes. Also, if a person feels that he/she is having a heart attack, he/she should start coughing.

Ted : Why?

Donald : Because it works like a chest compression.

Ted : Thank you. I'm glad to learn that.

1. When someone faints, what should you do first?
2. Should you call the medical staff if someone faints?
3. When a person has a heart attack, what is the first thing you should do?

4. Does coughing help a person who is having a heart attack?
5. Do you know how to help people in an emergency?