

Global View - Learning About First Aid (C0199)

A: Hey Joe! Where have you been these past few days?

B: I've been busy with a first aid course that I started about a week ago at the Red Cross.

A: Cool! I've always wanted to do something like that! Have you learned anything useful?

B: For sure! I mean we've learned how to apply pressure to stop bleeding, how to check for a pulse, and even how to apply CPR!

A: Have you treated any real emergencies?

B: Well, they took us along with some paramedics. There was this guy who fell off his motorcycle and suffered a concussion as well as a couple of compound fractures. His wounds were pretty serious so they had to rush him to the hospital. It was intense!

A: I can imagine! I tend to faint when I see blood, so I think I won't be taking up a course like that anytime soon!

Key Vocabulary

treat	<i>verb</i>		to cure an illness by medical means
concussion	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a jarring of the brain
tend to	<i>phrase</i>		To be disposed or inclined towards something
rush	<i>verb</i>		move or act swiftly
take up	<i>phrase</i>		begin with

Supplementary Vocabulary

	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	A strip of material such as gauze used to protect, immobilize, compress, or support a wound or injured body part.
	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a hard shell usually made of gauze and plaster, used to immobilize an injured body part

	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	A rigid device used to prevent motion of a joint or of the ends of a fractured bone.
anaesthetic	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a medication that causes loss of sensation
ambulance	<i>common singular</i>	<i>noun,</i>	a vehicle for pre-hospital treatment and transportation of sick or injured people