Lesson 56: Talking About Emergency Situations

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Keiko: Hello. I'd like to report an accident. A cyclist has just slammed into the rear of my car.

911 Operator: Can you tell me your name and location, ma'am?

Keiko: I'm Keiko Kawasaki. I'm in the parking lot of Wal-Mart on Maine Street.

911 Operator: Keiko, I have just dispatched the paramedics and they are on their way. Can you tell me exactly how the accident happened?

Keiko: I was getting ready to drive off when something hit the car from behind. I got out and saw a man and his bicycle on the ground.

911 Operator: Can you check if he's breathing?

Keiko: His chest is moving up and down. What's taking the paramedic so long to get here? This man could be dying.

911 Operator: Help will be there in a short while. You have to be calm and stay on the line for me. Can you do that?

Keiko: (breathing deeply) Okay. I can do that.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. What's taking you so long in the bathroom? I need to use it.
2. A: Sorry, I'm late. B: What took you so long? The meeting has already started.
3. Can you check what's taking the accounting department so long to make a financial report?

* What's taking someone so long?

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3. Your Task

You just saw an old man collapse on the street. Make a 911 call and tell the operator (=your tutor) what you just saw. The operator will be getting as much information as he needs about the emergency.

4. Let's Talk

Recall an emergency situation you have experienced and relate the story to your tutor. Have you ever reported an emergency situation to the police or the emergency hotline? If yes, tell your tutor all about it.

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.

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