



135. Accidents, handicaps.

Sarah: Hello Wentworth. I'm sorry to be late; I just come back from the hospital.

W: Hello Sarah. No worries, what's wrong?

Sarah: My sister got this serious car accident with a friend of hers on Friday night, and she was transported in the emergency ward.

W: Oh my Goodness, is she all right now?

Sarah: Well the hospital staff moved her in ICU today, and she might stay there a few days.

W: Is she seriously injured?

Sarah: as far as I know, she has a head trauma, many haematomas and bruises on the face but apparently she didn't fracture her jaw. She had a shoulder dislocation and is in a lot of pain.

W: That's horrible, poor her... What about her hips and legs?

Sarah: She has a swollen and painful knee as it hit the dashboard in the impact. I don't know yet if they will treat the fracture with a surgery, or if she'll only have a cast. Then she has two twists in the wrists and many skin abrasions all over the body.

W: will she get aftereffects or scars? There's nothing worse than that to remind you of the accident every day.

Sarah: Honestly I don't know yet, as I need to meet the ICU consultant. But they already told me to rent a wheelchair and crutches for when she's going back home... I am still a bit in shock; I don't know what to do and where to start...

W: Well you know what? Come back to the hospital, you'll be more useful staying with her than being worried here. If I can do something to help you, please do not hesitate to ask me.

Sarah: Thanks Wentworth, much appreciated.



GLOSSARY:

Accidents, handicaps: accidents, handicaps	The legs: les jambes
To be late: être en retard	The knee: le genou
To come back: revenir	The dashboard: le tableau de bord
To be transported: être transporté	The impact: le choc
To move: bouger	The fracture: la fracture
To be injured: être blessé	A surgery: une opération chirurgicale
To fracture: se fracture	A cast: un plâtre
To be in a lot of pain: souffrir beaucoup	A twist: une entorse/foulure
Swell/swole/swollen: enfler	The wrist : le poignet
To hit: frapper, heurter	Skin abrasions: abrasions de la peau
To treat: traiter	Aftereffects: des séquelles
To remind: se rappeler	A scar: une cicatrice
To rent: louer	The ICU consultant: le chef de service des soins intensifs
To worry: s'inquiéter	A wheelchair: un fauteuil roulant
To hesitate: hésiter	Crutches : des béquilles
The hospital: l'hôpital	What's wrong : qu'est ce qui ne va pas
A sister: une sœur	Serious : grave
A car accident: un accident de voiture	Swollen: enflé
A friend of hers : un/e de ses amis	Painful : douloureux
The emergency ward : le service des urgences	Nothing worse : rien de pire
The hospital staff : le personnel hospitalier	Honestly : franchement
ICU(intensive care unit): service de soins intensifs	I'm still a bit in shock : je suis encore un peu sous le choc
A head trauma : un traumatisme crânien	You know what : tu sais quoi
Haematoma : hématome	Useful : utile
A bruise : une contusion, un bleu	Worried : inquiète
the jaw: la mâchoire	
A shoulder dislocation: une luxation de l'épaule	
The hips: les hanches	