

Ski accident at Pra Loup - dialogue

Philip radios Sophie.

Philip: Sophie, it's Philip. There has been an accident on the "Peguiou" slope. Could you please send help.

Sophie: Where are you?

Philip: I'm halfway down the slope.

Sophie: I'll send assistance immediately. *(Sophie sends Manon)*

Philip is with the injured person (I.P). *(The person is lying on the snow with her eyes shut)*

Philip: I'm Philip, a ski patroller at Pra Loup. Can you hear me? Open your eyes if you can hear me. *(No response)*

Philip: Squeeze my hand if you can hear me. *(No response)*

Manon arrives on the scene of the accident - Philip explains the situation so far.

Manon asks another skier who has witnessed the accident. Philip stays with the IP.

Manon: Did you see what happened?

Witness: Yes. She was skiing down the slope. She skied over an icy patch, lost control and crashed into a pole.

Manon: How long has she been unconscious?

Witness: It has just happened. So about 1 minute.

Manon reports the information back to Philip

(Suddenly the IP opens her eyes and moans.)

Philip: I'm Philip, a ski patroller at Pra Loup. You have just had a ski accident. Please stay calm. We are taking care of you.

IP: Where am I? *(She is a bit disoriented)*

Philip: You're on the ski slope at Pra Loup. Are you cold?

IP: _____

Philip: I'm going to ask you some questions. What's the day today?

IP: Uhhhh. Friday.

Philip: What's your name?

IP: _____

Philip: Don't move please. Try to relax. Where are you hurt?

IP: My head and neck hurts.

Philip: It's really important that you don't move. On a scale of 1 to 10, how strong is the pain?

IP: _____

Philip asks Manon to call Sophie to explain the situation.

Philip: Can you see clearly? How many fingers am I holding up?

IP: _____

Philip: Do you feel dizzy?

IP: _____

Philip: Can you move your toes? your fingers?

IP: _____

Philip: Do you feel pins and needles?

IP:

Philip: Do you have difficulty breathing?

IP:

Philip: Are you taking any medication?

IP: _____

Philip: I'm going to take your pulse.

Philip: Okay. Now we're going to stabilise your neck. We need to put a neck brace on you and put you on a back board. We'll take you down to the medical station on the sledge.

-You'll be evacuated by ambulance to the nearest hospital.

-You'll be evacuated by helicopter. You'll be airlifted into the helicopter and then transported to the hospital.

At the medical station

Sophie: Do you want me to notify your family?

IP: Yes. _____

Sophie: I need to talk to you about insurance coverage.

There is a charge for the rescue service. Are you insured?

IP:

Sophie: Could you please fill in this form.

IP:

Sophie: The accident statement will be sent directly to the police.

Vocabulary

I've broken my leg. / I have a broken leg. (la jambe cassée)

I've sprained my ankle. / I have a sprained ankle. (une entorse au genou)

I've twisted my knee. / I have a twisted knee. (se tordre le genou)

I've cracked my rib. / I have a cracked rib. (une côte fêlée)

My head hurts. / I have a headache. (mal à la tête)

My stomach hurts. / I have a stomachache (mal au ventre)

My nose is bleeding/ I have a nose bleed. (mon nez saigne)

I suffer from vertigo. / I have vertigo. (j'ai le vertige)

I feel faint/dizzy. (je me sens étourdi)

I've got a cramp.

My foot is swollen. (mon pied est enflé)

He had a stroke. (il a eu un accident vasculaire cérébral)

He had a heart attack. (il a eu une crise cardiaque)