

## Word on the Street Paramedics

### Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

#### Activity 1

Watch Wendy's documentary about the ambulance service in Britain. Which of these questions does she ask? Select four questions.

1. What sort of person makes a good paramedic?
2. Why did you decide to become a paramedic?
3. What sort of emergencies do you prepare for?
4. How long have you been a paramedic?
5. Is being a paramedic the toughest job in the world?
6. What equipment have you got in the ambulance car?
7. What's the most difficult thing about the job?

#### Activity 2

Watch the documentary again and complete the answers to the questions. There's one word in each gap.

1. **Wendy:** What sort of person makes a good paramedic?

**Emily:** I think someone that can

\_\_\_\_\_ well, who works well in a \_\_\_\_\_, has leadership \_\_\_\_\_.

2. **Wendy:** What sort of emergencies do you prepare for?

**Emily:** Well, we could go to a huge range of emergencies ... asthma, chest \_\_\_\_\_, people who've had \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ like in road traffic collisions.

3. **Wendy:** Being a paramedic – is it the toughest job in the world?

**Carl:** It can be very \_\_\_\_\_. We're answering 999 calls, upwards of eight to twelve a day, so that can be particularly \_\_\_\_\_, very \_\_\_\_\_.

4. **Wendy:** This is kind of a compact version of what you might expect an ambulance to be, so what have you got in it?

**Carl:** This is, I would say, the \_\_\_\_\_ thing that we carry. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ start machine.

#### Activity 3

Use the correct verbs and nouns to complete the introduction to the documentary.

day / pass / make / accident / give / care / health / provides / lives / saving / receives / difference / calls / reported / exams / spending / feedback

Here in the UK people like this are

\_\_\_\_\_ every hour of

every day. The Ambulance Service \_\_\_\_\_ thousands of emergency \_\_\_\_\_. It is part of the National Health Service, which \_\_\_\_\_ free \_\_\_\_\_, paid for out of taxation. When someone's \_\_\_\_\_ a serious \_\_\_\_\_ or emergency, ambulance crews get there as fast as they can. Their speed and medical education \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ between life and death. I'm \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ with paramedics in Brighton, on the south coast of England. These student medics are training at the University of Brighton. Most

study for three years to \_\_\_\_\_ the required \_\_\_\_\_. Their tutors watch and \_\_\_\_\_ from a control room.

### Discussion

- How prepared are you for medical emergencies?
- Would you want to work as a paramedic?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.