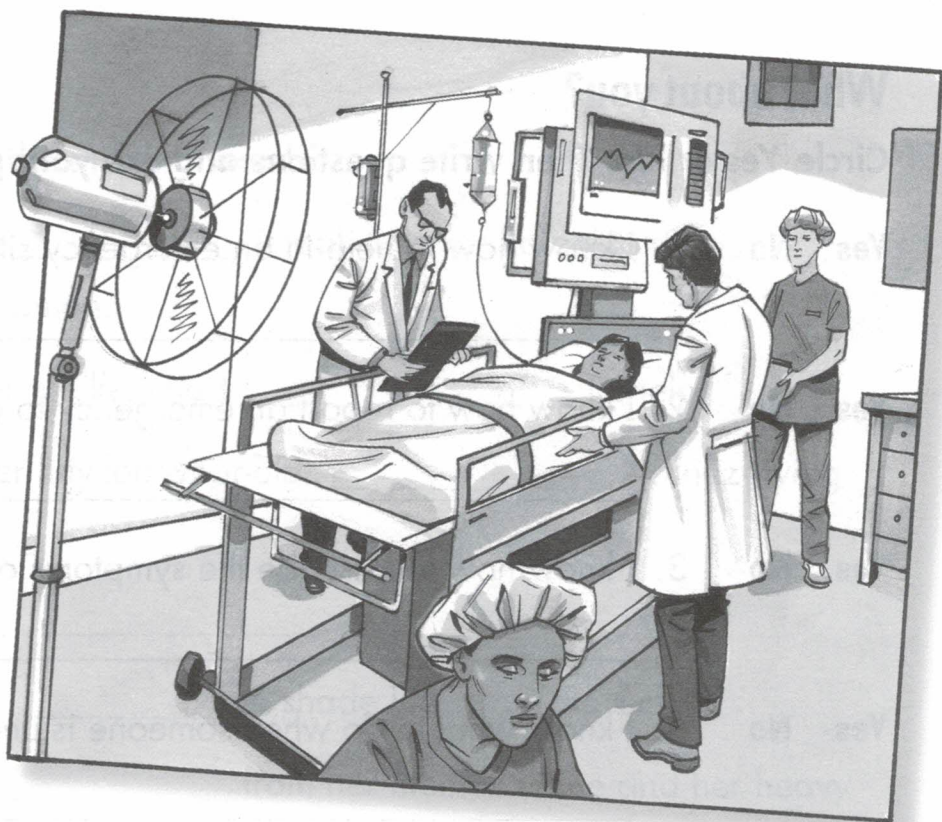


## Chapter 7

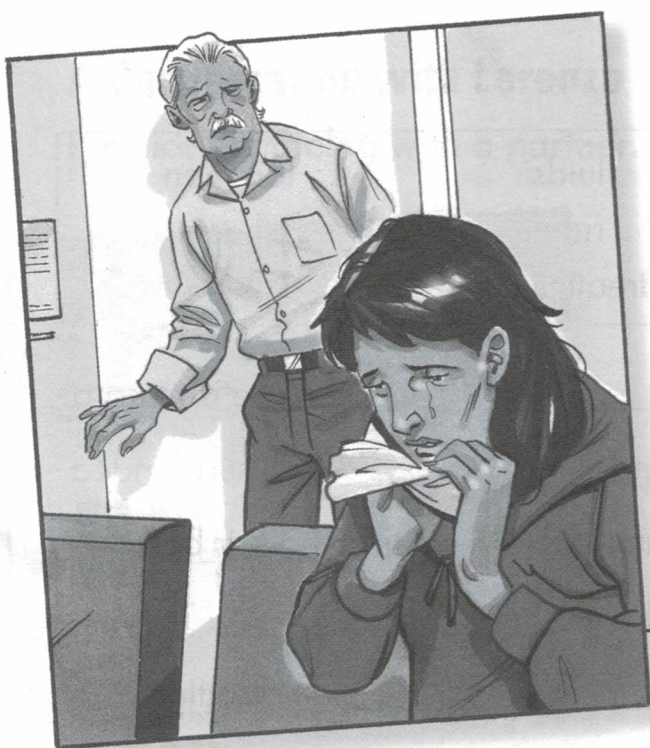
### In the Hospital



Inez had a body temperature of 106 degrees. When she arrived at the hospital, a team of doctors and nurses surrounded her. They immediately tried to lower her temperature. First they sprayed her body with cold water. Then they covered her with cold, wet sheets. They also put fans near her to help with the cooling process. In addition, she was given medicines and fluids. Receiving treatment quickly was critical to her survival.

Meanwhile, Rafael felt sick with worry. He asked another foreman to relieve him in the field. Then he called Lorenzo to ask for a ride to the hospital. On the way, Lorenzo tried to reassure Rafael. "It wasn't your fault," he said. "Please don't feel guilty. It's very sad, but these things happen in our type of work."

"I didn't notice her," said Rafael. "I didn't notice that Inez hadn't taken a break for a while. I didn't notice that she was dizzy and disoriented—because, the truth is, I didn't see her. From where I stood, she was just a blur." Lorenzo sighed. He couldn't think of anything to say. "This woman might die of organ failure," said Rafael, covering his face with his hands. "Or she might have brain damage—or other health problems—for the rest of her life."



Rafael and Lorenzo walked into the hospital. Lorenzo waited on the first floor, but Rafael took the elevator to the third floor. He found Marta sitting on a chair in the waiting area. She was still upset, wiping her eyes and blowing her nose. Rafael had a bad feeling. "How is your mother?" he asked. "Any news?"

### Answer the questions.

1. What body temperature did Inez have?
2. When she arrived at the hospital, what did the team of doctors and nurses do?
3. What did they immediately try to lower?
4. What did they spray her body with? What did they cover her with?
5. What did they put near her to help with the cooling process?
6. What was she given in addition? What was critical to her survival?
7. Meanwhile, how did Rafael feel?
8. What did he ask another foreman to do?
9. Why did he call Lorenzo?
10. What did Lorenzo try to do on the way to the hospital?
11. Where did Lorenzo wait in the hospital? What floor did Rafael take the elevator to?
12. Who did Rafael find sitting on a chair in the waiting area? How was she?



## Complete the story.

degrees	fault	fluids	foreman
nurses	process	ride	sheets
survival	team	treatment	worry

Inez had a body temperature of 106 <sup>1</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. When she arrived at the hospital, a <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ of doctors and <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ surrounded her. They immediately tried to lower her temperature. First they sprayed her body with cold water. Then they covered her with cold, wet <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. They also put fans near her to help with the cooling <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. In addition, she was given medicines and <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. Receiving <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ quickly was critical to her <sup>8</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.

Meanwhile, Rafael felt sick with <sup>9</sup>\_\_\_\_\_. He asked another <sup>10</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ to relieve him in the field. Then he called Lorenzo to ask for a <sup>11</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ to the hospital. On the way, Lorenzo tried to reassure Rafael. "It wasn't your <sup>12</sup>\_\_\_\_\_," he said. "Please don't feel guilty. It's very sad, but these things happen in our type of work."

## Meanings

Read each sentence. Look at the underlined word. Circle **a** or **b**.

- Receiving treatment quickly was critical to her survival.  
a. not related                      b. important
- "Please don't feel guilty. It's very sad, but these things happen in our type of work."  
a. responsible                      b. worried
- "I didn't notice that she was dizzy and disoriented—because, the truth is, I didn't see her."  
a. feverish                      b. confused

## A Conversation with Lorenzo

Practice the dialog with a partner.



- A. Thanks for taking me to the hospital.
- B. Of course. I hope that your worker is going to be okay.
- A. Ugh. I feel sick with worry.
- B. It wasn't your fault. Please don't feel guilty. It's very sad, but these things happen in our type of work.
- A. I didn't notice that Inez hadn't taken a break for a while. I didn't notice that she was dizzy and disoriented—because, the truth is, I didn't see her. From where I stood, she was just a blur.
- B. Sorry, Rafael. I don't know what else to say.
- A. This woman might die of organ failure. Or she might have brain damage—or other health problems—for the rest of her life.

### Check the good things to say.

You meet a co-worker in a hospital waiting area. This person is very worried about a relative. Check (✓) the things that are good to say. Write other ideas on the lines below.

☐ "Is it your fault?"

☐ "I don't know what to say."

☐ "I'm so sorry about this."

☐ "Do you have any news?"

☐ "Do you feel guilty?"

☐ "These things happen."

☐ "I have a bad feeling."

☐ "Is there anything I can do to help?"

☐ "What did the doctor say?"

☐ "Please stop crying."

## Listening

Listen to the sentences. Write the missing words.

1. "I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ her," said Rafael. "I didn't notice that Inez hadn't taken a \_\_\_\_\_ for a while."
2. "I didn't notice that she was \_\_\_\_\_ and disoriented—because, the \_\_\_\_\_ is, I didn't see her."
3. "From where I \_\_\_\_\_, she was just a \_\_\_\_\_."
4. Lorenzo \_\_\_\_\_. He couldn't think of \_\_\_\_\_ to say.
5. "This woman might die of organ \_\_\_\_\_," said Rafael, covering his \_\_\_\_\_ with his hands.
6. "Or she might have brain \_\_\_\_\_—or other health problems—for the rest of her \_\_\_\_\_."
7. Rafael and Lorenzo walked into the \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Lorenzo waited on the \_\_\_\_\_ floor, but Rafael took the elevator to the \_\_\_\_\_ floor.
9. He \_\_\_\_\_ Marta sitting on a chair in the \_\_\_\_\_ area.
10. She was still \_\_\_\_\_, wiping her eyes and blowing her \_\_\_\_\_.

## Pronunciation

Check (✓) *d*, *t*, or *id* to show the pronunciation of the final sound in the past-tense verbs below.

	<b>d</b>	<b>t</b>	<b>id</b>		<b>d</b>	<b>t</b>	<b>id</b>
1. sighed	_____	_____	_____	5. waited	_____	_____	_____
2. covered	_____	_____	_____	6. relieved	_____	_____	_____
3. received	_____	_____	_____	7. reassured	_____	_____	_____
4. tried	_____	_____	_____	8. sprayed	_____	_____	_____



## What about you?

Circle **Yes** or **No**. Then write questions and ask your partner.

**Yes**   **No**   1. I sometimes have an above-normal body temperature.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Yes**   **No**   2. I know how to lower a person's body temperature.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Yes**   **No**   3. I know that receiving medical treatment quickly is sometimes critical for a person's survival.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Yes**   **No**   4. I know how it feels to be sick with worry.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Yes**   **No**   5. I sometimes ask another person to relieve me at work.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Yes**   **No**   6. I sometimes try to reassure another person.

\_\_\_\_\_

**Yes**   **No**   7. I sometimes feel guilty about things that happen at work.

\_\_\_\_\_

## Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. What are some other possible symptoms of heatstroke? How is it possible to help someone at home? When is it necessary to get medical help?
2. Sometimes people feel guilty even when an unfortunate event is not their fault. Do you think Inez Arroyo's heatstroke was Rafael's fault? Why or why not?
3. What kinds of accidents can happen in your type of work? How can these accidents be prevented?