The Accident

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Comprehension Page

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Discussion: Can you remember how Shibika answered the above questions?
Summary

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At the Hospital

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What do you think?

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Marcin - Poland
Since I want to study to become a dentist, I have to control my uneasiness with needles. When I was younger, I would pass out everytime I saw blood. Needles usually wouldn't make me black out but I would feel dizzy and sweaty just thinking about them. Now needles are much smaller than when I was a kid and they are almost painless.

Amalia - Ecuador
Even though I can't drive yet, I already know how to drive because my dad has been teaching me. He takes me out on country roads where there are very few people. I'm planning to get my license soon but in my country, you have to be over 18 to be legal to drive. I only have to wait for 8 more months.

Conor - Ireland
Although I've never broken a bone, one of my mates got messed up playing football ("soccer" for Americans) One of his teammates attempted a slide tackle. He slid past the guy he was trying to steal the ball from and smashed into my mate's leg. He ended up with a compound fracture which means that the bone was sticking out of his leg.

Joshua - Philippines
Whenever I go on vacation, I get out of Manila and drive to the beach. Not only are the beaches in the Philippines full of fun, relaxed people but also there are luxury resorts that don't cost so much. We take hikes into the jungle and go scuba diving in the coral reefs. The only thing that I don't like is the humidity and the mosquitos.
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