



Unit 16 — English for EMT's I

Reading: English for EMT's 1

The importance of EMT's and Paramedics

Whether it be an ambulance rushing through the downtown traffic or a fire truck screaming along the highway, or a rescue chopper soaring over the mountains - we all know that there are people in trouble and the brave EMT's and paramedics onboard these vehicles will do everything they can to save them.

But how many of you have considered what this actually involves? EMT's are often depicted on TV as the Macgyvers of the medical world able to cope in any situation, using only the limited selection of tools at their disposal, and while this is true it would be wrong to think that any of their activities are spontaneous or not thought-out. Each and every response is a testament to their training and knowledge.

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Discussion Questions

What are the main duties of EMTs?

What characteristics do you think are important for EMT's / paramedics?

How has modern technology helped EMTs?