

Surprise Passenger



British taxi driver, Clive Lawrence, became a midwife for an hour when a passenger gave birth to a baby in the back of his taxi.

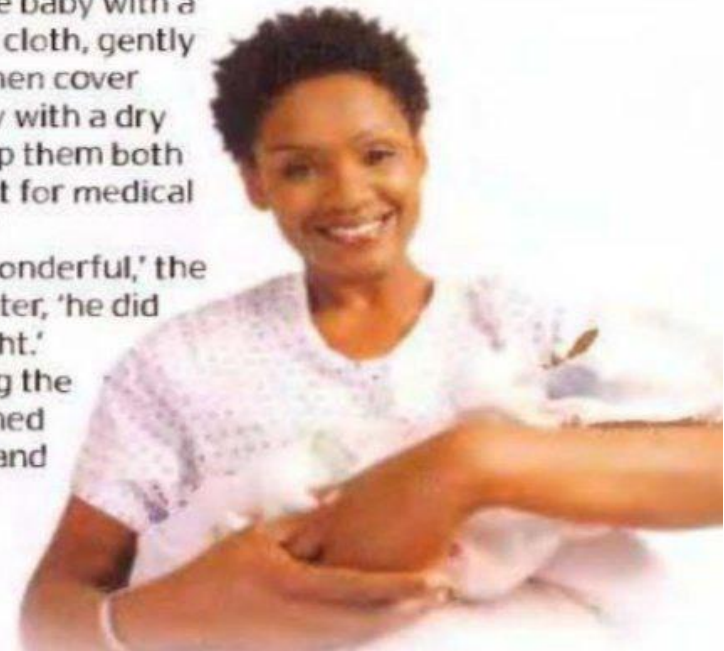
Asha Gemechu's baby was due in a month, but when her contractions started she called for a taxi to take her to hospital. Mr Lawrence answered the call.

The expectant mum was in the taxi for ten minutes when she realized that things were happening too fast. The baby was not going to wait. Its head appeared, and Mr Lawrence stopped the taxi to help with the birth.

Mr Lawrence said 'I was there when my kids were born, so this was not completely new for me. I spoke to a nurse on the taxi radio and she gave me instructions - I only did what she told me. There's nothing special about that. One minute I had one passenger, then I had two, but there's no extra charge!'

A midwife at the hospital said, 'Giving birth on the way to hospital doesn't happen often, but if you're there when it does, just support the baby's head and guide it out - don't pull. Then clean the baby's nose and mouth, but don't cut the umbilical cord - just lay the baby on the mother's chest, cord and all. Dry the baby with a clean towel or cloth, gently rub its back, then cover mum and baby with a dry blanket to keep them both warm, and wait for medical help to arrive.'

'Clive was wonderful,' the mother said later, 'he did everything right.' Asha is naming the baby Mohammed Clive. Mother and baby are both doing well.



Read the text and answer the questions.

1 - Was this Clive's first experience of a birth?

-- No

2- Who gave instructions to Clive?

-- A nurse

3- Who is Mohammed Give?

-- The baby

4- How is the baby now?

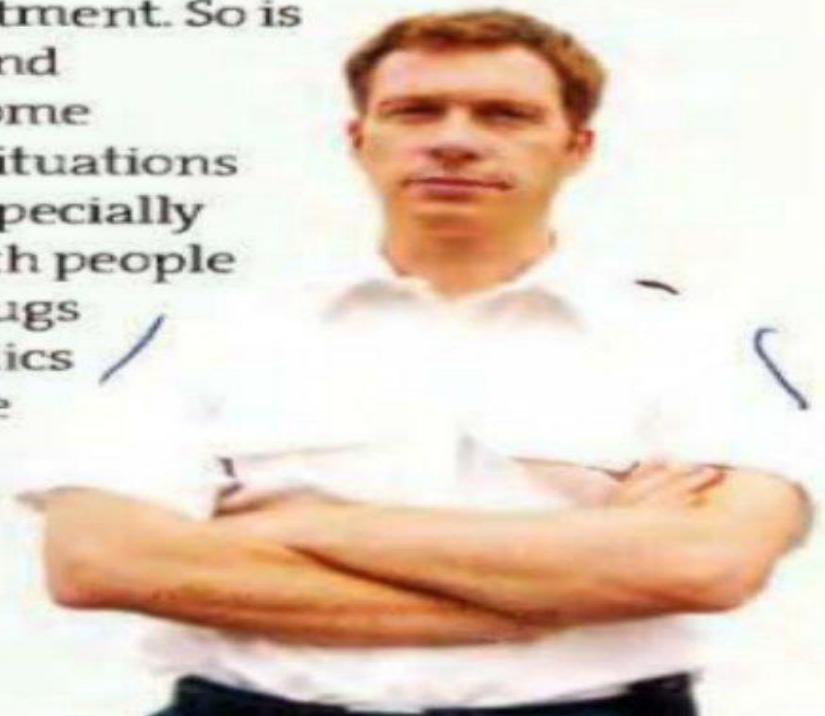
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Jeff Oliver

I'm Jeff Oliver. I'm 24 years old. I decided to become a paramedic when I saw two of them treating a driver at the scene of an accident when I was a boy.

I started as a trainee ambulance technician, and trained for two and a half years to become a qualified paramedic. Now I administer life-saving procedures myself. It's part of my everyday work to defibrillate the heart of a cardiac arrest, to apply splints to limbs and dress wounds, and to set up drips.

I have to make quick decisions – it's an important part of giving emergency treatment. So is communicating clearly and keeping a clear head in some difficult situations. And situations are often *very* difficult, especially when we have to deal with people under the influence of drugs and alcohol. But paramedics don't think twice – we are always first at the scene when there is a suicide, a road accident, or a fire. When you save a life, it's the best job in the world.



Read about left Oliver and answer the questions.

1-When did Jeff decide to become a paramedic ?

-- When he was a boy .

2- How long did he train for the job?

--Two and a half years .

3- what things do you have to be good at do Jeff's job ?

--Making quick decision , communicate Clearly and keeping a clear head in some difficult situation .

4- Who makes Jeff's job difficult?

--people under the influence of drugs and alcohol .

Read about the signs and symptoms of shock, and complete them with words below.

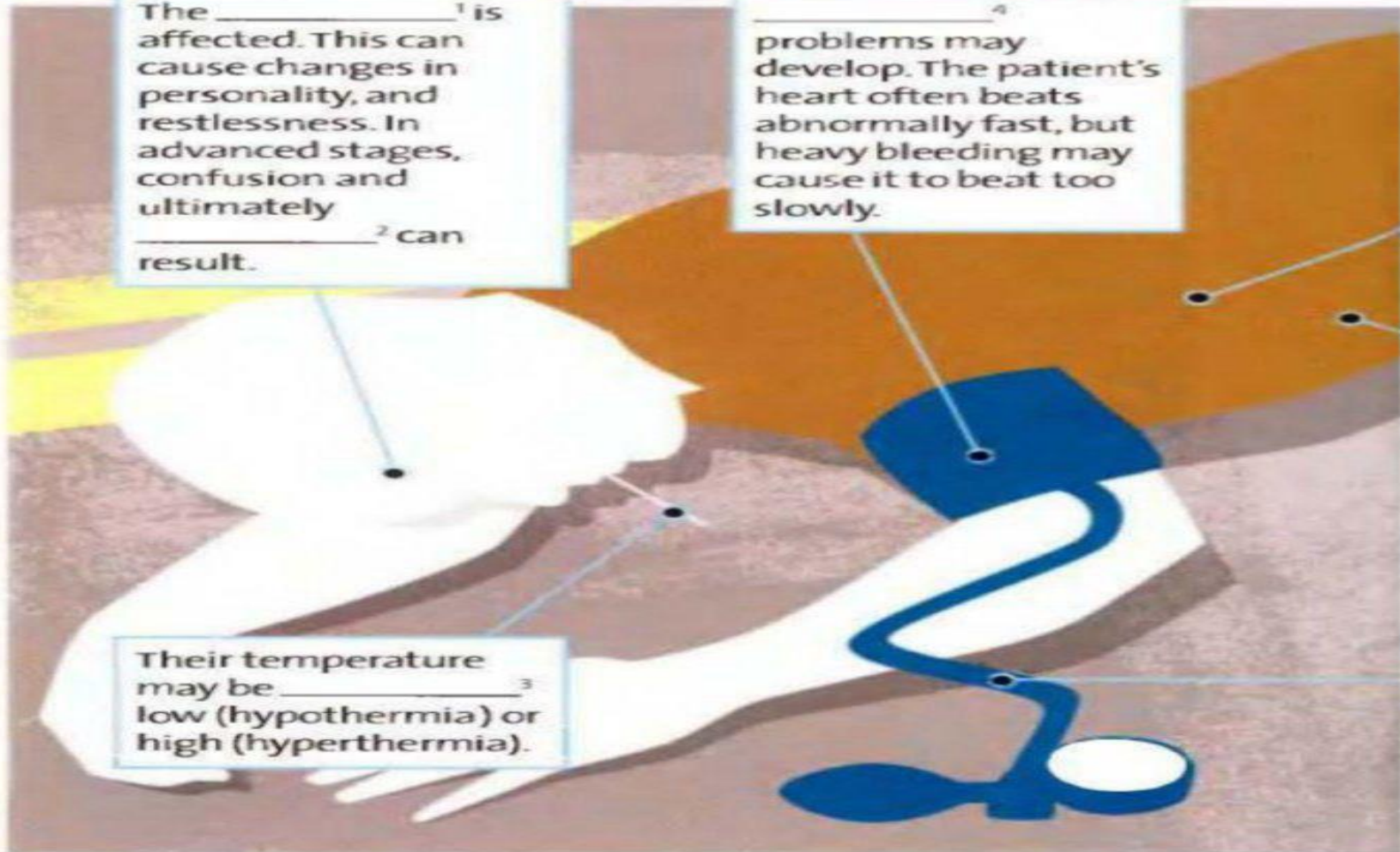
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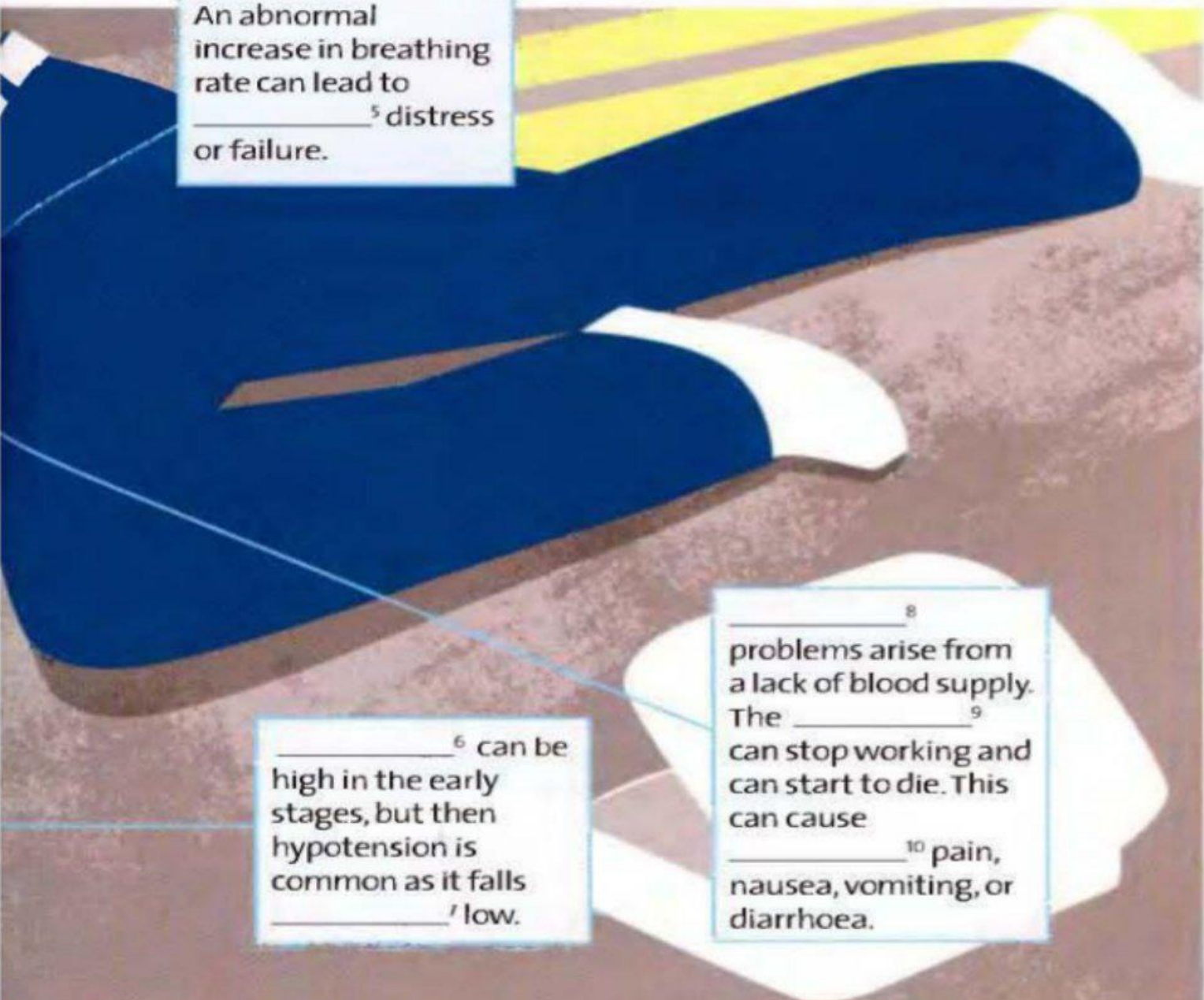
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The _____¹ is affected. This can cause changes in personality, and restlessness. In advanced stages, confusion and ultimately _____² can result.

_____⁴ problems may develop. The patient's heart often beats abnormally fast, but heavy bleeding may cause it to beat too slowly.

Their temperature may be _____³ low (hypothermia) or high (hyperthermia).





An abnormal increase in breathing rate can lead to _____⁵ distress or failure.

_____⁶ can be high in the early stages, but then hypotension is common as it falls _____⁷ low.

_____⁸ problems arise from a lack of blood supply. The _____⁹ can stop working and can start to die. This can cause _____¹⁰ pain, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhoea.

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