The Crash Course for Firefighters is a hands-on, communicative-based course that will teach you simple, practical phrases and commands that are crucial in any emergency situation. Although some grammar lessons are included in this coursepak, they will not be focused on during class times. The grammar points will be introduced by the instructor, but students may feel the need to study them outside of class. Do not be intimidated by long vocabulary lists or difficult terms. Remember, this is an introduction to Spanish for firefighters and should be used as a reference and study guide. The communicative approach will prepare you to communicate with Hispanic members of the community during emergencies and educational sessions.

Our Intensive Language Course has been designed to:

- Teach prevention and educate members of the Hispanic community.
- Create stronger community ties and strengthen the department's presence in every neighborhood.
- Continue to save and protect lives by conveying basic Spanish medical phrases.
- Advance public safety to Hispanics through fire prevention, investigation, and education programs.
- Close the language and cultural barriers to increase responsiveness in all emergencies.

The Intensive Firefighting Course will help you meet your goals to save lives and protect the community.

Good luck!



Lección preliminar- Introducing yourself

Hello, I am _____

literally – *I call myself*_____

In Spanish, you can use the following expressions to introduce yourself to others:

Hola. Soy _____

Me llamo _____

Mi nombre e	es	My name is
To find out ar	nother person's name, you ca	n ask:
Informal:	¿Cómo te llamas?	literally – What do you call yourself?
Formal:	¿Cómo se llama usted?	
with. The for	•	n your own age or with a friend or someone you are familiar d with someone older than yourself or when there is social on.
To find out w	here someone is from, you ca	an ask:
Informal:	¿De dónde eres?	
Formal:	¿De dónde es usted?	
To respond to	o these questions, someone v	vill say:
Soy de	(name of place)
or simply:		
de	(name of place	
If a third part	y is reporting someone else's	information, he or she will say:
Se llama	(name)	
Es de	(name of p	lace)

To say "nice to meet you", you can say:

Mucho gusto.

Encantado. (If you are a man)
Encantada. (If you are a woman)

Actividad 1: ¡Mucho gusto!

Below you will find the beginnings of four conversations. Choose the conversation that would most likely follow each one.

- 1. ¿Cómo te llamas?
 - a. Mucho gusto
 - b. Mi nombre es Juan
 - c. Es de Tacoma
- 2. ¿De dónde eres?
 - a. Me llamo Alejandra
 - b. De Querétaro, México
 - c. Encantada
- 3. Hola. Soy Mike.
 - a. Hola. ¿Cómo te llamas?
 - b. De Yakima
 - c. Mucho gusto. Soy Daniel
- 4. Soy de Seattle. ¿Y usted?
 - a. De Burien
 - b. ¿De dónde es usted?
 - c. Mucho gusto

Ahora, te toca a ti..... (Now it's your turn)

Paso 1: Create a mini conversation using the vocabulary you just learned. Persona 2 should respond to the question or statement of Persona 1.

Persona 1:	
Persona 2:	
Persona 1:	
Persona 2:	
Persona 1:	
Persona 2:	

Paso 2: Now, stand up and talk to at least three members of your class. Find out where he or she is from. If you already know him or her, find out some new information, for example, the names of his or her family members and where they are from. Be prepared to answer questions about yourself or your classmate. Here is a list of useful vocabulary to help you with your questions:

Tu madre Your mother

Tu padre Your father

Tu hermano Your brother

Tu hermana Your sister

model: ¿Cómo se llama tu padre?

Lección Preliminar: ¡Hola!

There are a variety of ways to say *hello* in Spanish:

Hola Hello

Buenos días Good morning
Buenas tardes Good afternoon

Buenas noches Good evening (or good night)

¿Qué tal? How's it going?

Some common ways to say *good-bye* are included in this list:

Adiós Good-bye

Hasta pronto See you soon

Hasta mañana See you tomorrow

Chau Ciao

Nos vemos We will be seeing each other

Hasta luego See you later

Bye (Mexico)

Actividad 2: ¿Qué sigue?

Match each expression from column A with a logical response from column B.

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- 1. Hola. ¿Cómo te llamas?
- 2. ¿De dónde eres?
- 3. Soy de Wenatchee.
- 4. Mi nombre es Lupe.
- 5. ¿Cómo se llama usted?
- 6. Adiós.
- 7. Buenas noches.

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- a. Buenas noches. Hasta mañana.
- b. De Nueva York.
- c. Mucho gusto.
- d. Soy Rodrigo. ¿Y tú?
- e. Soy Jeff.
- f. Ah, de Washington.
- g. Chau.

Lección Preliminar: ¿Ser o no ser? (To be or not to be)

The verb *ser* translates into English as *to be*. In this lesson you have already seen some forms of *ser*. You will use this verb to give your name and to explain that you are a firefighter. Patients will use this verb to give their names, to explain some medical conditions, to explain where they are from, and to give family relationships. The following box includes all the verb forms:

yo	soy	(I am)	nosotros	somos	(we are)
tú	eres	(you are)	vosotros	sois	(you pl. are)
él	es	(he is)	ustedes	son	(you pl. are)
ella	es	(she is)	ellos	son	(they are)
usted	es	(you are)	ellas	son	(they are)

Ser is a common verb in Spanish and serves to express a variety of concepts.

1. To tell what someone or something is:

Ella <u>es</u> mi madre. She is my mother

<u>Soy</u> bombero. I am a firefighter

¿Tú **eres** la persona que nos llamó? Are you the person who called us?

<u>Es</u> una medicina para el dolor. It is medicine for pain

2. To say where someone or something comes from:

Yo <u>soy</u> de Seattle. I am from Seattle

¿De dónde <u>eres</u>? Where are you from?

Mi hermano **es** de Guatemala. *My brother is from Guatemala*

3. To describe what someone or something is like. Ser is used with adjectives when traits are considered permanent conditions:

Es muy peligroso. It is dangerous

Somos inteligentes y simpáticos. We are intelligent and friendly

<u>Es</u> una camilla. It is a stretcher

<u>Soy</u> alto y rubio.

I'm tall and blonde.

As can be seen in the examples in number three, these adjectives are assumed to be of a permanent state. Ser also is used to describe medical conditions that are permanent (Soy diabético). This will be covered shortly.

By now you have noticed subject pronouns such as tú (you). Unlike in English, pronouns are not necessary, but they are sometimes used in Spanish to emphasize or clarify to whom the speaker is referring.

Yo I Nosotros We

Tú You Vosotros You pl. (only in Spain)

Él He Ellos They

Ella She Ellas They (all female)

Usted You (plural) UstedesYou plural

Actividad 3: Te toca a ti.....

In groups of two or three, think of a list of 5 permanent characteristics, qualities, or adjectives in English that you might use on a call or in an emergency. Remember, the verb *ser* is only used with permanent states and not temporary conditions (such as being tired, dizzy, anxious, scared etc.). We will translate as a class and create a comprehensive list.

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a class and create a comprehensive list.	
ex: It is a fracture.	
They are paramedics.	
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
agree with the subject in Spanish. For example, if you ar in –o. If you are describing a woman, the adjective will uan –s on the end. ex. Él es rubio Ella es rubia Ellos son rubios	
1. Yo (conjugated SER) (permanent characteristic)	
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2. Él (conjugated SER) (permanent characteristic)	·
3. Nosotros	
(conjugated SER) (permanent characteristic	
4. Ellos (conjugated SER) (permanent characteristic)	
(conjugated SER) (permanent characteristic)	
5. Ellas (conjugated SER) (permanent characteristic)	<u>_</u> .
(conjugated SEK) (permanent characteristic)	

Lección preliminar: No somos policía, somos bomberos (We are not the police. We are fir	iretianters.
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Because a profession is considered a permanent characteristic, you will use the verb SER when explaining that you are a firefighter. The verb SER will be a vital part when communicating with patients.

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SER will be used when:	
1) Explaining who YOU are:	
No soy la policía.	I am not the police
Soy bombero.	I am a firefighter
2) Finding out personal inform in an emergency:	ation about the patient and the relationships between members involved
¿Quién eres?	Who are you?
¿Eres un pariente?	Are you a relative?
Yo soy su madre.	I am his/her mother
Él es mi hijo.	He is my son
¿De dónde eres?	Where are you from
Soy de	I am from
¿Quién es?	Who are you? (Formal)/ Who is he?/ Who is she?
3) Medical conditions:	
SER + A med	ical condition
Soy diabético	l'm diabetic She is enilentic

Ella es epiléptica She is epileptic

Mi hermano es drogadicto My brother is a drug addict

Es alcohólica She is an alcoholic

Soy alérgica I'm allergic Eres anémico You are anemic Es genético It is genetic

^{***} For a list of medical conditions, refer to page ____ of your textbook.

Actividad 4: Role play

In groups of three, create a conversation that might occur between three people on a call. Designate one person to be the **bombero**, one **paciente**, and one family member of the paciente. Try to get as much information as you can from each other using the Spanish phrases with SER that you are familiar with up until now. When you are finished, the class will discuss what other information you needed from the patient and we will make a vocabulary and phrase list of the missing information. Remember, you should use the various forms of the verb SER several times in this conversation.

Lección 1: ¿Cómo te llamas?

In the lección preliminar, you saw many ways to ask someone's name. You might have noticed that "me llamo" (I call myself) is another way of saying "Soy ______". In this lesson, you will learn all forms of the verb "llamarse" (to call oneself).

Before we begin, it is important to understand that *llamarse* is a reflexive verb. Don't worry too much about the terminology or the grammar, but do keep in mind that a reflexive verb is something someone does to *himself* or *herself*. For example, she gets herself up or he shaves himself. A patient will often use reflexive verbs when you are on a call, for example "I cut myself". We will study more reflexive verbs in later lessons.

Here are the forms for LLAMARSE

Me llamo	I call myself/my name is	Nos llamamos	We call ourselves
Te llamas	You call yourself/your name is	Os llamáis	You call yourselves
Usted se llama	You formal call yourself	Se llaman	You call yourselves
Él se llama	He calls himself	Se llaman	They call themselves
Ella se llama	She calls herself	Se llaman	They call themselves

Examples of how *llamarse* might be used on a call:

¿Cómo te llamas?	What is your name?
Me llamo:	My name is (I call myself)
Ella se llama:	Her name is (She calls herself)
Tomo una medicina que se llama	I take medicine called
Tienes una condición que se llama	You have a condition called
El hospital se llama	The name of the hospital is



Actividad 5: ¿Quién se llama...?

Circle the correct form of *llamarse* in each sentence. OJO: Don't forget to pay attention to the subject in each sentence.

1. Sus padres (their parents)_		Martín y Yolanda.		
a. se llama		c. se llaman		
2. Mi pueblo (<i>my town</i>)	San	Luis Potosí.		
a. me llamo	b. se llama	c. nos llamamos		
3. Tu hermano				
a. se llama	b. te llamas	c. me llamo		
4. Yo				
a. te llamas	b. se llama	c. me llamo		
Actividad 6: ¿Cómo se llama?)			
	spend too much tim	mily, or personal life. We will study fam e memorizing the new words. Rememb n.	•	
1. Mi restaurante favorito se	llama	·		
2. Mis padres (<i>parents</i>) se llaman				
3. Mi mascota (<i>pet</i>) se llama		·		
4. La calle donde vivo (the str	eet where I live) se l	lama		
5. Mis hermanos (siblings) se	llaman	·		
5. Mis hijos/sobrinos/primos (<i>children/nephews & nieces/ cousins</i>) se llaman				

Paso 2: Now, stand up and ask at least three different questions to three different class members. Your instructor will ask for volunteers to share answers when everyone finishes. Here is how you form questions for questions 1-6 from Paso 1:

- 1. ¿Cómo se llama tu restaurante favorito?
- 2. ¿Cómo se llaman tus padres?
- 3. ¿Cómo se llama tu mascota?
- 4. ¿Cómo se llama la calle donde vives?
- 5. ¿Cómo se llaman tus hermanos?
- 6. ¿Cómo se llaman tus hijos/sobrinos/primos?

Lección 1: Adjetivos posesivos

You have already seen possessive adjectives several times in this coursepak. A possessive adjective is one that indicates ownership of something. For example, in English we say "It is <u>my</u> house". In this sentence, "my" is the possessive adjective. When communicating with a patient, it is important to recognize possessive adjectives. A patient will use them to describe family relationships and ownership.

The following box includes a list of singular possessive adjectives: (When only one thing is being possessed. For example, my car instead of my cars.)

Mi	my	Nuestro/Nuestra	our
Tu	your	Vuestro/Vuestra	your plural
Su	his/her/your formal	Su	your plural

When more than one thing is being possessed, you must use the plural form of the adjective. Here is a list of the plural forms:

Mis	my	Nuestros/Nuestras	our
Tus	your	Vuestros/Vuestras	your plural
Sus	his/her/your formal	Sus	your plural

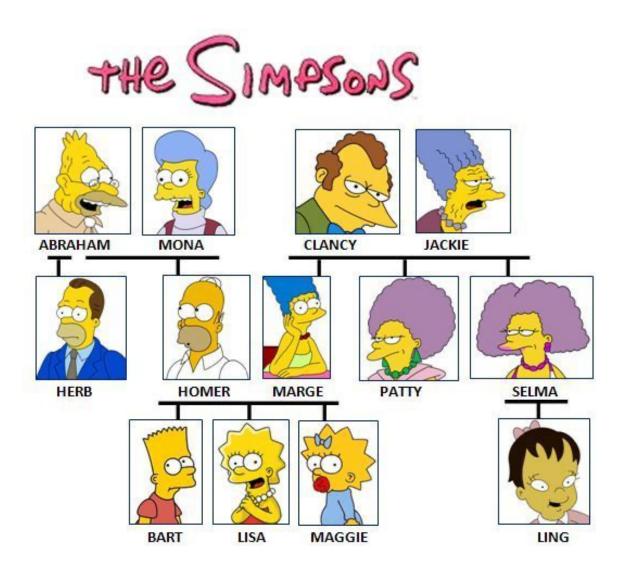
Here are some example sentences using possessive adjectives:

Mi madre está inconsciente:	My mom is unconscious
¿ <u>Tus</u> niños están en la casa?	Are your children in the house?
¿Cuál es <u>su</u> hospital preferido?	Which hospital do you prefer?

We will work with these adjectives more in future lessons when we study family vocabulary.

Lección 1: La familia

You have already seen many family vocabulary words. In this lesson, you will learn more. Study the Simpson family tree below and think about their relationships to one another.



Here is a list of useful family vocabulary words. Remember, you don't need to memorize them all immediately. You might already be able to recognize a few words.

Cousin (female)

La mamá/ madre: Mom
El papá/ padre: Dad
El hijo: Son

La hija: Daughter

El hermano: Brother

La hermana: Sister

El abuelo: Grandpa

La abuela: Grandma

El primo: Cousin (male)

El tío: Uncle La tía: Aunt

La prima:

El suegro: Father-in-law
La suegra: Mother-in-law
El cuñado: Brother-in-law
La cuñada: Sister-in-law
El sobrino: Nephew
La sobrina: Niece

The following is a list of the plural forms. Keep in mind that in Spanish, the masculine form is used when men and women are grouped together.

Los papás: Parents

Los tíos: Aunts & uncles (or just uncles)

Las tías: Aunts
Los hermanos: Siblings
Los primos: Cousins

Los cuñados: Siblings-in-law
Los suegros: Parents-in-law

Actividad 7: La familia Simpson

Following the models below and paying close attention to the verb SER, write two sentences about each of the Simpson family members listed.







Marge es la mamá de Bart.

Homer es el papá.

Bart es el hijo de Marge y Homer.

Lisa Simpson:	
Maggie Simpson:	
Patty y Selma:	
Grampa:	

Actividad 8: Tu familia

Paso 1: Quickly sketch a family tree of your immediate family. Write their names and their relationship to you in Spanish.

Paso 2: Write at least five sentences about your family. Try to use all the information you have learned so far. For example, *LLAMARSE*, possessive adjectives, and family vocabulary.

Model: Mi abuelo se llama Joe. Él es el papá de mi papá. Mi prima se llama Victoria. Ella es la hija de mi tía Rosario.

1	 	 ·
2	 	 ·
3		
4	 	
5.		

Lección 1: Los números

When talking about families, people often like to talk about how many siblings, cousins, or family members they have. Patients will also use numbers to tell time, to discuss their age, or their medication dosage.

To begin, here is a list of the numbers 1-30 in Spanish.

1	uno	16	dieciséis
2	dos	17	diecisiete
3	tres	18	dieciocho
4	cuatro	19	diecinueve
5	cinco	20	veinte
6	seis	21	veintiuno
7	siete	22	veintidós
8	ocho	23	veintitrés
9	nueve	24	veinticuatro
10	diez	25	veinticinco
11	once	26	veintiséis
12	doce	27	veintisiete
13	trece	28	veintiocho
14	catorce	29	veintinueve
15	quince	30	treinta

Here are some other helpful numbers. Do you notice a pattern? 40 cuarenta 41 cuarenta y uno 42 cuarenta y dos 50 cincuenta 60 sesenta 70 setenta 80 ochenta 90 noventa 100 cien 101 ciento uno 102 ciento dos 103 ciento tres 200 doscientos 1000 mil 2000 dos mil In the space below, write the following numbers in Spanish: 51 56 52 57 53 59 54 61

Actividad 13: ¿Qué número?

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Divide into pairs. Estudiante 1 will choose five numbers from the lists above and will say them aloud. Estudiante 2 will write the number down. Check to make sure your numbers are correct and then switch roles.

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Actividad	14:	¿Qué	núm	ero?
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Listen to the numbers that you instructor reads. Write the number down as you hear it.

Lección 1: ¿Cuántos hay ... ? (How many are there ...?)

In addition to SER, the conjugated verb "HAY" (pronounced like "eye") will also be very important when communicating with patients. Now that you have learned numbers, you will be able to use them with this verb.

HAY means "there is" and "there are". **NO HAY** means "there is not" and "there are not". It does not have any other form and is not used with any other verb.

<u>Hay</u> tres personas en la casa. There are three people in the house.

<u>Hay</u> una persona en la cocina. There is one person in the kitchen.

<u>Hay</u> mucho humo arriba. There is a lot of smoke upstairs.

Actividad 10: ¿Cierto o falso?

Is each statement about your immediate family true (cierto) or false (falso)?

1. Hay cinco personas en mi familia inmediata.	Cierto	Falso
2. Hay más (<i>more</i>) mujeres que hombres.3. Hay personas que viven (<i>that live</i>) en Oregón.	Cierto Cierto	Falso Falso
4. Hay un profesor en mi familia.	Cierto	Falso

Actividad 11: En mi clase...

Thinking about Write three sentences using	ng <i>HAY</i> that describe your Spanish class.
Modelo: En mi clase, hay cinco pe	ersonas.
1.	·
2	·
3.	·
	ght ask a patient during an interview or during an emergency Write them as a class.
ex. How many people are there in the hou	use?
<u>Extra note:</u> If you are trying to express HA was or there were.	Y in the past tense, you can use "HABÍA". Había means there
Ex. <u>Había</u> cinco personas en la casa. <u>Había</u> pastillas en el suelo.	There were five people in the house. There were pills on the floor.

Lección 1: Gustar

To express a like or dislike in Spanish, we use the verb *GUSTAR*. *GUSTAR* literally translates as "to please", instead of saying "I like ice cream", in Spanish you say "Ice cream *pleases* me".

There are only two verb forms you should learn right now. They are *GUSTA* (it pleases) and *GUSTAN* (they please). To indicate who likes something or to whom something is pleasing, the following pronouns are used:

ME (me)	NOS (us)		GUSTA
TE (you) LE (him/her/you)	OS (you pl. Spain) LES (them/you)	+	or GUSTAN

Me gusta It pleases me I like... You like... Te gusta It pleases you Le gusta (usted) It pleases him/her/ you (usted) He/she likes... you like ... It pleases us We like... Nos gusta It pleases you (plural/informal/Spain) You plural like... Os gusta It pleases them/you They like/ you like... Les gusta

Or, if you like more than one thing. use "GUSTAN"

Me gustan	They please me	I like
Te gustan	They please you	You like
Le gustan (usted)	They please him/her/ you (usted)	He/she likes you like
Nos gustan	They please us	We like
Os gustan	They please you (plural/informal/Spain)	You plural like
Les gustan	They please them/ you	They like/ you like

Actividad 14: El verbo GUSTAR: ¿GUSTA O GUSTAN?

Llena el espacio con la forma correcta de GUSTAR.

Me	mi carro.
Te	la pizza.
A Enrique le	las clases de español.
A ellos les	el programa "Friends".
Nos	las vacaciones.
Δ ella le σusta	ser hombera

Lección 2: ¿Qué hora es? (What time is it?)

The verb SER is used to tell time in Spanish by using either "es" (for one o'clock) and "son" (for all other times). "Y" is used to express minutes.

* Es la una: It is 1:00

* Es la una y dos: It is 1:02

* Son las dos: It is 2:00

* Son las seis y cinco: It is 6:05

To indicate the half hour, the word "media" is used.

* Es la una y media: It is 1:30

* Son las cuatro y media: It is 4:30.

To indicate quarter hours, the word "cuarto" is used.

*Es la una y cuarto. It is 1:15.

It is customary to use menos to tell time during the second half of each hour, stating the number of minutes until the following hour.

* Es la una menos diez. It is 12:50. (It is ten until one.)

* Son las cinco menos cinco. It is 4:55. (It is five until five.)

* Son las ocho menos cuarto. It is 7:45. (It is quarter until eight.)

Other useful vocabulary:

* De la mañana: in the morning (a.m.)

* El mediodía: noon

* De la tarde: in the afternoon (p.m.)

* De la noche: in the nighttime (p.m.)

* La medianoche: midnight

Ex:

* Es medianoche. It's midnight.

* Son las siete y cuarto <u>de la mañana</u>. It's 7:15 a.m.
* Es mediodía. It's noon.
* Son las cuatro menos cinco <u>de la tarde</u>. It's 3:55 p.m.

* Son las diez y media <u>de la noche.</u> It's 10:30 p.m.

Here are some other time-related expressions:

* A la, a las: At (time).

ex. Me llamó a las dos. He called at 2:00.

•	xactly, on the dot las tres y cuarto en punto. It's 3:15 on the dot.
	os: more or less, about las seis y media más o menos. It's about 6:30.
	was la una. It was 1:00 n los dos (tres, cuatro, etc.). It was 2:00.
	Qué hora es? ¿Qué horas son? (México) xample below, write the time for each question.
Ex.	2:25: Son las dos y veinticinco.
l. 1:10	·
2. 7:30	
3. 3:55	·
1. 12:50	.
5. 10:45	·
	Por la tarde, por la noche o por la mañana? Triting the time for each question in Spanish, write whether it is morning, afternoon, or
Ex. 2:25 p.	m.: Son las dos y veinticinco de la tarde .
L. 2:30 a.m.	·
2. 8:45 p.m.	
3. 5:00 a.m.	
1. 7:10 p.m.	·

5. 11:40 p.m.

Actividad 13: With a partner....

Using the clock that your instructor gives you, ask your partner the time. Change the clock hands after each question. Then, alternate roles, so your partner will ask you the time. Try to use the phrases below when you practice.

¿Qué hora es? What time is it?
Es la una. It is one o'clock.
Son las dos. It is two o'clock.
¿Qué hora era? What time was it?

Era la una. It was one. Eran las dos It was two.

Lección 2: los días de la semana (days of the week)

lunes	<u>martes</u>	<u>miércoles</u>	<u>jueves</u>	<u>viernes</u>	<u>sábado</u>	<u>domingo</u>
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday

To talk about the days of the week, the verb SER is used. For example, "hoy es lunes" means "today is Monday". The following vocabulary words are often used when talking about the days of the week.

Hoy: Today
Mañana: Tomorrow
Ayer: Yesterday

Anteayer: The day before yesterday

Día: Day

En dos días: In two days

Pasado mañana: The day after next

Ex. Hoy es lunes

Mañana es martes

Pasado mañana es miércoles

Questions that you might ask in a patient interview:

¿Sabes qué día es hoy? Do you know what day it is today?

¿Qué día es mañana? What day is tomorrow? ¿Te empezó a doler hoy? Did it start hurting today?