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### Scenario 6 – Softskill three

Ilinca, a 10-year-old girl is admitted for wheezing and inability to breathe. After a few hours of oxygen therapy and different medications, she feels better now. The pediatrician enters her room, she smiles gently and asks her:

- Hello, Ilinca. How are you today?
- I am better. I can breathe much better.
- Ilinca, can you describe what happened so that I can understand better.
- Of course. Last night I went to bed, and everything was normal, but then I woke up and I couldn't breathe, and my breathing sounded very weird.
- Can you explain to me what you mean by 'weird'?
- Like a whistle...
- Did this happen before?
- Yes, doctor, several times.
- How often did it happen?
- I don't know... Maybe two or three times a year.
- And how did you handle this problem before?
- Usually I stay in the hospital for a few days, and then I get better.
- So, inability to breathe, wheezing three times a year.... Does it happen only during the night?
- Yes, doctor.
- Only in your room or did it happen also in other places?
- Only in my room...
- Ilinca, you might be allergic to something, but I have to run some additional tests in order to confirm my suspicion, ok?
- Ok.
- Until then I will give you an inhaler with some medication to relieve your symptoms.

The pediatrician explains how she must place the inhaler and how she must use it.

- Ilinca, I want to be sure that you understood how to use the inhaler. Can you show me how you must keep it?

The girl repeats the same actions as the doctor explained before.

- Very good, Ilinca. I promise you that it will make you feel better. In the afternoon, we will run the tests I mentioned before, but don't be afraid because it won't hurt, and I will explain everything.
- Ok, doctor.
- See you later, Ilinca.



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