Saved By An MP3 Player - Reading Practice

SAVED BY AN MP3 PLAYER!

Sophie Frost, a schoolgirl from England, felt very lucky when her grandmother gave her an MP3 player as a present. She didn't know just how lucky she was, however. When an unexpected accident happened a few days later, the MP3 player probably saved her life!

14-year-old Sophie was going for a walk with her boyfriend, Mason Billington, when it started raining. The young couple took shelter from the rain under a tree and were sitting together when lightning struck. The lightning hit them both and they lost consciousness. Then Mason woke up and carried Sophie to the nearest road in order to get help. A car stopped and took them to hospital. Sophie had some burns on her chest and legs. She also had some damage to her eyes and ears, but fortunately she quickly recovered.

How did Sophie's MP3 player prevent her from having serious injuries? When the accident happened, she wasn't listening to music on the player, but was wearing it around her neck. Doctors believe that the lightning travelled through the wire of the MP3 player instead of through Sophie's body. Even though she was lucky this time, one thing's for sure. The next time there's a storm, she and her boyfriend won't sit underneath a tree!

A) Match the words / phrases with the correct meaning.

Word / Phrase	Meaning
Take shelter	To become well again after an illness or injury
Consciousness	To go somewhere for cover and protection from danger or bad weather
Damage	The state of being aware of and responsive to one's surroundings
Recover	Being hit or attacked by someone or something forcefully or violently
Underneath	Under or below
Struck	Injure or harm

B) Write the base form of the following verbs.

Num	Verb (Past Simple Form)	Verb (Base Form)	Num	Verb (Past Simple Form)	Verb (Base Form)
1	felt		6	had	
2	gave		7	travelled	
3	started		8	was	
4	took		9	recovered	
5	carried		10	saved	

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C) Answer the following questions by filling in the blanks. Your answer **should not be more than 3 words**.

1) What did Sophie's grandmother give her?

Sophie's grandmother gave her an _____ as a present.

2) Where were Sophie and her friend when lightning struck?

Sophie and her friend took shether _____ when lightning struck.

3) How did Sophie go to hospital?

Sophie went to hospital by a _____.

4) Where was Sophie hurt?

Sophie's chest, _____, _____ and ears were hurt.

5) Where was Sophie's MP3 player when the accident happened?

Sophie's MP3 player was _____ when the accident happened.

6) What part of the MP3 player did the lightning go through?

The lightning went through the _____ of the MP3 player.

D) Write '**Yes**' for the safety tips during thunderstorms (ribut petir 雷雨). Write '**No**' for the wrong safety tips.

1) Standing near windows and doors. ( )

2) Do not touch anything metal. ( )

3) Take shelter under a big tree. ( )

4) Wait 30 minutes after storm to resume activities. ( )

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