

A Long Way to Travel

Alex and his mother were walking on the beach one day after a storm.

“Look,” Alex said. He pointed to a piece of round, blue glass almost covered with sand. They dug around it and found a round, glass ball. It was bigger than a softball, but smaller than a soccer ball.

“What is it?” Alex asked.

“It’s a fisherman’s float,” his mother said. “I haven’t seen one in years. Japanese fishermen once used to use them to keep their nets from sinking.”

“Then this came all the way from Japan?” Alex asked. “Wow! It’s traveled more than I have!”

Answer the question

1. Why did Alex say that the ball had traveled more than he had?
 - a. Alex had never seen a fisherman’s float before.
 - b. Alex wanted to be a fisherman.
 - c. Alex had probably never been to Japan.
 - d. Alex and his mother travel a lot.
2. How did Alex probably feel at the end of the story?
 - a. sad
 - b. afraid
 - c. excited
 - d. tired
3. Which of these is a fact found in the story?
 - a. Fisherman’s floats are interesting.
 - b. It is exciting to find things on the beach.
 - c. Alex likes to travel.
 - d. Japanese fisherman used floats.
4. What will probably happen next?
 - a. A storm will send the float back to Japan.
 - b. Alex will keep the fisherman’s float.
 - c. Alex will learn to fish, using the ball.
 - d. Alex will take the ball back to Japan.