

Comprehension

It was early summer and the weather was really hot. Tyler's mom had told him that on Saturday they would go to the beach. Tyler was excited. He couldn't wait to practice his swimming skills he had learnt at the local pool during spring. Dad had to work, so he was not going to be able to go along. The drive to the beach was only an hour but to Tyler it seemed forever. Mom said they would spend the day swimming and the big treat of eating dinner in a restaurant would end their busy day. They finally arrived at the beach.

Tyler helped his mom unload the beach blankets, his sand toys and some snacks. "The waves look really high!" Tyler said to his mom.

Mom found a good spot on the sand that was close to the water, put the blankets down and set up some chairs. Sitting close by them was a boy about Tyler's age. He came over and said his name was Gary and asked Tyler if he wanted to build a sandcastle with him.

"Sure," said Tyler.

His mom began talking to Tyler's mom about school, work and things moms usually talk about. The boys built a great sandcastle. They decided to head for the water.

"Be careful," shouted Gary's mother.

"We will," Gary shouted back.

The boys were running in and out of the water and jumping through the waves laughing. They were having a great time. Suddenly, they ran to jump in a big wave where Tyler couldn't find Gary. Tyler looked all around and finally saw him waving his hands and yelling for help. Tyler sprang into action and remembering the lifesaving skills he learnt during his swimming class at the local pool, I've got to get to Gary, he thought. Tyler swam to where Gary was, put his arm around him and told him to hold on tight. Just then the lifeguard spotted them. He rushed to the water and took over. He was able to get Gary from Tyler and bring him safely to shore. Gary's mom was so scared but she realized if it hadn't been for Tyler's quick action, Gary may have drowned. Gary and his mom thanked Tyler for his fast thinking and great swimming skills. That night Gary's mom invited Tyler and his mom to go to dinner with them.

"It's my thank you treat," said Gary's mom.

Not only did the boys become friends but their moms did as well.

Instructions: Read the story and use the information in it to answer the questions below.

1. Who was going to the beach with Tyler?
a. His dad b. His cousin c. His brother d. His mother
2. How long was the drive to the beach?
a. One hour b. Two hours c. fifteen minutes d. None of the above
3. What did Tyler unload from the car?
a. Beach blankets, sand toys and snacks
b. Beach blankets, umbrella and sunscreen
c. towels, sunglasses and sand toys
d. Chairs, radio and magazin
4. Why didn't Tyler's dad go to the beach?
a. He had to work on Saturday
b. He didn't like the beach
c. he had to get the car fixed
d. He was playing golf
5. How would you describe Gary's mom when Gary was yelling in the water?
a. mad b. sad c. proud d. Scared
6. The waves looked?
a. very high b. dangerous c. calm d. very low
7. Who became friends?
a. Two boys b. The two boys c. the moms d.the boys and their moms
8. Who rushed to the water?
a. The lifeguard b. Mom c. dad d. Gary
9. Whose quick thinking saved the day?
a. Dad's b. Mom's c. Tyler's d. Gary
10. They set up some _____ on the beach.
a. benches b. chairs c. umbrellas d. stands

Instructions: Read the story to complete each question.

11. Tyler was _____ for fast thinking and great swimming skills.
12. Who thanked Tyler? _____
13. Tyler learnt _____ at _____ classes.
14. What did Tyler say to Gary? _____
15. Where were Tyler and his mom going at the end of the day?

16. It took Tyler and his mom _____ to get to the _____.
17. What did Gary invite Tyler to do? _____
18. What was similar between Tyler and Gary? _____
19. Tyler and his mom removed _____ from the car
when they got to the beach.
20. When did Gary go missing?

Vocabulary

Instructions: Match the words from the passage with their meaning.

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| A. Skills | to know _____ |
| B. Restaurant | to die in water _____ |
| C. Lifeguard | things a person can do _____ |
| D. Drowned | place people go to eat _____ |
| E. Realized | protects people at beach or pools _____ |