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**READING PROJECT– INTENSIVE READING TASK 1**  
***IRONING BOARD SURFING***

Charles had been looking forward to his summer vacation with his family. He was excited to go to the beach. His parents finally agreed to let his best friend Henry come along. Henry and Charles had been practicing their surfing on his mom's ironing board.

Despite the broken hinges and the goose egg on Henry's head, practicing had gone well. The six-hour drive to the beach passed quickly, as Charles and Henry had video game competitions.

They finally arrived at the beach and set up camp that night. Henry and Charles could hardly sleep. As the sun was peeking over the hills, the boys were trotting down the beach to catch some waves. As they paddled through the water and turned to catch a wave, they quickly learned that their ironing-board training was inadequate for the strength of the ocean.

In their focus and concentration, the boys lost track of time. They decided to head in for lunch. Fighting the waves, they finally made it to shore. As they walked across the sand, they found themselves on strange beach they did not recognize. Charles' parents were nowhere in sight. There wasn't a single person on the beach.

"Whoa!" exclaimed Henry.

"What are we going to do?" moaned Charles.

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***STORY QUESTIONS***

1. According to the story, Henry and Charles are . . .
  - a. intelligent.
  - b. immature.
  - c. friends.
  - d. only children.
2. Which paragraph helps you answer the previous question?
  - a. second paragraph
  - b. first paragraph
  - c. fourth paragraph
  - d. third paragraph
3. Why was the ironing board not good for training?
  - a. It is heavier than a surf board.
  - b. It is not the right shape of the surf board.
  - c. The waves were too strong.
  - d. The ironing board was broken.



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## THE CAVE

Jacob crawled on his stomach through the passageway in the cave. He was very anxious to see light at the end. It had been a long day. He was cold, hungry, and exhausted. As he crept along, questions were flooding through his mind. Would he ever see his family again? Was he going to make it out alive? He was sure that he could make it if he could just find light.

Just then, the noise at the back of the cave started again. The noise was louder than it ever was before. Jacob still couldn't decide what it was, but he wasn't about to wait and find out.

Jacob kept his head tucked low. He knew that if what made the noise could fly, he didn't want to get hit. Just then Jacob's hand hit against something rough. He spread his fingers wide and wiped them over the object. It was his flashlight! With excitement, he quickly and quietly turned it on. Jacob strained his eyes to look in the direction of the noise.

There was a large box dangling from the cave by a rope. Every time the box hit the side of the cave, it made a large noise. That was the noise Jacob had heard. But why was the box swaying? It finally occurred to Jacob that there was a slight breeze. If he followed the direction of the breeze, he could find his way out! With a smile on his face, Jacob worked his way to the entrance of the cave.

### STORY QUESTIONS

1. Which word best describes how Jacob felt at the end of the story?
  - a. organized
  - b. relieved
  - c. annoyed
  - d. exhausted
2. Which paragraph helps you answer the previous question?
  - a. second paragraph
  - b. first paragraph
  - c. fourth paragraph
  - d. third paragraph
3. Another title for this passage could be . . .
  - a. "Jacob's Day in the Cave."
  - b. "Jacob's New Adventure."
  - c. "Jacob Attacks the Noise."