Reading and Writing Worksheet
Topic: Heroes



Reading

1 09 Read and listen.

These newspaper articles tell the stories of three very brave young people from different parts of the world and why they are heroes.



A hero and a friend

Haden Stusak is from Atlanta in the USA. One day, he was playing in his grandma's swimming pool with his best friend, Josiah. Haden was practising diving when he saw Josiah at the bottom of the pool. He was drowning. The adults did not see him. "I was the only person who saw him," said Haden. Haden, who is six years old, quickly dived into the pool. He dragged five-year-old Josiah out of the water. A few minutes later Josiah was breathing again.

Everyone called Haden a hero. "I'm not a hero," said Haden. "I'm just a good friend."

Earthquake hero



Nine-year-old Lin Hao from China was having a Maths lesson with thirty of his classmates when there was a huge earthquake. The school building started to fall down. Lin and his classmates were trapped inside.

Lin was able to escape, but his friends were still in the building. Lin went back into the building three times to rescue them. "It was my job to look after my classmates", he said.

Good neighbours



Kiah Kurtzer, who is from Australia, was looking out of her bedroom window one night when she saw that her neighbour's bin was on fire. Fourteen-year-old Kiah first called the fire brigade, then she ran outside to start to put the fire out. She used water from the garden hose to put out the fire. Her neighbour came to help her. When the fire brigade arrived, the fire was already out.

"I was scared," said Kiah, "but I think it's important to help your neighbours."

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Tick (✔) the correct sentences.

1 a Haden saw his friend at the bottom of the pool. ☑
b Haden's friend saw him at the bottom of the pool. ☐

2 a Josiah dragged Haden out of the pool. ☐
b Haden dragged Josiah out of the pool. ☐

3 a Kiah was at her neighbour's house when she saw the fire. ☐
b Kiah was at home when she saw the fire. ☐

4 a Kiah used water to put out the fire. ☐
b The fire brigade put out the fire. ☐

5 a The earthquake started when Lin was in a Maths lesson. ☐
b Lin wasn't at school when the earthquake started. ☐

6 a Lin escaped from the building. ☐
b Lin's classmates rescued him from the building. ☐

7 a Lin didn't go back into the building. ☐
b Lin went back into the building. ☐

Match the sentences to the people who said them.

1 "We were still in the building. Lin Hao came back and rescued us," — said Lin Hao.

2 "The boys were playing in my swimming pool. I wasn't watching them," — said Haden's grandmother.

3 "I need a new bin now, but I'm very happy. Thank you, Kiah," — said Lin Hao's friends.

4 "He dived into the pool and saved me. He's a hero," — said Lin Hao's teacher.

5 "All the children were brave, but Lin Hao was the bravest," — said Josiah.

6 "I didn't think about the earthquake. I wanted to rescue my friends," — said Kiah's neighbour.

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Circle.

1 The fire brigade arrived and *put out* / *fell down* the fire.

2 How did you *help* / *escape* from the building?

3 Come on! Let's *drag* / *dive* into the swimming pool.

4 Brave fire fighters *escaped* / *rescued* everyone in the building.

5 This box is heavy. Can you help me *drag* / *find* it to the door?

6 I can't move! I'm *trapped* / *dragged*.

5 Complete the texts with the words in the boxes.

pulled	arrived	dived	~~called~~	fell



Tom was walking by the river when he saw two little boys. The boys [1] called to Tom. "Help! Our toy car [2] _____ into the river and we can't get it."

Tom quickly [3] _____ into the river and he [4] _____ the car out of the water. The boys were very happy. Just then, the boys' father [5] _____. He said "Thank you very much." to Tom.

climb	rescue	trapped	noise	escape



Kelly was in her bedroom when she heard a [6] _____. She looked out of her bedroom window and saw that her neighbours' cat was in a tree in her garden. The cat was [7] _____ in the tree. It couldn't [8] _____ because the branch was very high.

Kelly went outside. She used a ladder to [9] _____ up and get the cat. Soon, the cat was safe and Kelly's neighbours were very happy.

"It's a very pretty cat," said Kelly. "I'm glad I could [10] _____ it."

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