

Read the three news stories. Put the phrases in the box in the correct place in the stories.

- 1 ... while he was swimming ...
- 2 ... , who was digging in his garden, ...
- 3 ... who was driving dangerously, ...
- 4 ... as I was planting potatoes
- 5 ... , where his parents were waiting for him
- 6 ... because he was going to visit his mother

### a Channel Champion

Twelve-year-old James White became one of the youngest people to swim the English Channel when he completed the 21-mile crossing yesterday. The journey took him just under 12 hours to complete. He drank hot soup 1 because he felt so cold in the water. 'The most difficult part was avoiding all the boats,' said James. He was exhausted but proud when he finally reached the coast of France 2.



James White, 12



### b Blind driver arrested

Police in Kentucky stopped a 31-year-old man, Daniel McCarthy, 3 and then discovered that he was blind. 'He had his dog with him,' said police spokesman Melvyn Kittburg. McCarthy said he only recently lost his sight.

He knew the road very well 4. His dog was trained to bark once at a red light and twice at a green light. McCarthy lost his driving licence.

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#### MAN FINDS ROMAN COINS

A pensioner 5 found a pot that contained over a thousand silver coins. Experts said that the coins dated from the third century AD, when the Emperor Carausius ruled ancient Britain. The pensioner, Mr Alfred Perkins, explained 'My spade hit something hard 6. It's so exciting to hold a coin in your hand that someone used to buy bread nearly 2,000 years ago.'



### Now answer the following questions.

1. What did James do?

2. How long did it take to finish the journey?

3. Which was the most difficult part?

4. Where were his parents?

5. Why was Daniel arrested?

6. What did the police find out?

7. Where was he going to?

8. What was the man doing when he found the coins?

9. Where were the coins from?