Here is our selection of last week's true stories

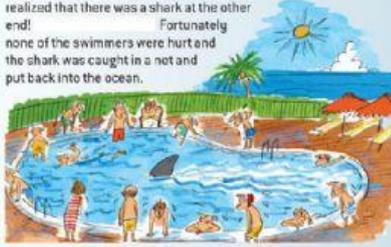### AUSTRALIA

In Sydney, early in the morning, some swimmers were taking a swim in an outdoor swimming pool that was very close to the ocean. The swimmers were very surprised when suddenly the pool assistants started shouting "Get out of the water! Quickly!" The swimmers immediately got out. Then they realized that there was a shark at the other end! Fortunately none of the swimmers were hurt and the shark was caught in a net and put back into the ocean.

ENGLAND

Security guards at Stansted Airport were amazed when they saw a dog getting off a train and walking on its own toward the airport terminal. They caught the dog and took it to the police. Thanks to a microchip in its neck, they discovered that its name was Diesel and that it belonged to a woman named Sarah Chapman, who lived in London, 31 miles away. Sarah had gone on vacation for a few days and had left Diesel with some friends. It had then gotten on a train and had traveled 31 miles to Stansted Airport, changing trains on the way. Sarah said: "I'm sure Diesel went to the airport to look for me!"

THE US

A 33-year-old Providence, Rhode Island man was arrested for knocking out the driver of an armored car and taking four bags of money.

However, each of the bags contained only $800 in pennies. The money bags each weighed 30 pounds, and they slowed the man down as he tried to get away. When police officers arrived at the scene, they chased the robber down the street and easily caught him with the heavy money bags.

SWEDEN

Airport workers in the luggage area at Arlanda Airport in Sweden were surprised to see an old lady sitting on the luggage belt next to her suitcase. She had put her luggage on the belt and then had sat down on the belt herself. A spokesman at Stockholm's Arlanda Airport said "Unfortunately, she did not understand when she was given check-in instructions. She got on the belt together with her bag. Luckily, it wasn't a long ride – only a few feet."

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a Read the stories and look at the pictures. Fill in the blanks with one of the sentences below.

AUSTRALIA
1 The shark had already attacked three people.
2 A large wave had carried the shark into the pool during the night.

ENGLAND
3 Unfortunately, the dog had bitten one of her friends.
4 The dog had run away and had gone to the local train station.

THE US
5 The robber thought he had taken bags worth a lot of money.
6 The robber had taken money from armored cars before.

SWEDEN
7 The woman had gotten confused at the check-in desk.
8 The woman had left her passport at home.

b Match verbs 1–10 with phrases A–J.

1	*H*	get into / out of	A on the belt
2		get on / off	B a swim
3		knock someone	C vacation
4		realize	D down the street
5		put the luggage	E out
6		go on	F a train
7		take	G a woman
8		leave the dog	H the swimming pool
9		chase someone	I with friends
10		belong to	J that there was a shark in the pool