

### **The House Near the Sea by Richard Musman**

1. Where is Mr. and Mrs. Painter's house?

- A) In the city
- B) In the mountains
- C) In the country
- D) On a farm

2. What is the weather like at the beginning of the story?

- A) Sunny
- B) Rainy
- C) Snowy
- D) Windy

3. What is John doing when the story begins?

- A) Reading a book
- B) Watching TV
- C) Looking at the sea
- D) Talking on the phone

4. What is Anne looking at?

- A) A book
- B) The sea
- C) A boat
- D) The sky

5. What does Anne see in the sea?

- A) A ship
- B) A rowing boat
- C) A motor-boat
- D) A helicopter

6. Why can't the man in the rowing boat row properly?

- A) The sea is too rough
- B) The boat is too small
- C) He has no oars
- D) He is tired

7. How many boats does Anne see at first?

- A) One
- B) Two
- C) Three
- D) Four

8. What happens to the rowing boat?

- A) It reaches the shore
- B) It sinks
- C) It hits a rock
- D) It moves fast

9. What does John do when he sees the boat sinking?

- A) He calls the police
- B) He runs to help the man
- C) He goes inside the house
- D) He swims to the boat

10. Who answers the phone when Anne calls for help?

- A) A neighbor
- B) A doctor
- C) A policeman
- D) A fireman

11. What can Anne see after the rowing boat sinks?

- A) The boat's oars
- B) The man's head in the water
- C) The motor-boat
- D) The police

12. What is the man's name in the rowing boat?

- A) Paul
- B) Peter
- C) Paddy
- D) Philip

13. Where does Paddy sit after the boat sinks?

- A) On the beach
- B) On a big rock
- C) In the motor-boat
- D) In a helicopter

14. What does John do to help Paddy?

- A) He calls the police again
- B) He swims to the rock
- C) He throws a rope
- D) He waits for the helicopter

15. What does Paddy shout to John?

- A) "Help me!"
- B) "Swim faster!"
- C) "I'm okay!"
- D) "Stay away!"

16. What stops the motor-boat from helping Paddy?

- A) It runs out of fuel
- B) It hits a rock
- C) It is too slow
- D) The sea is too calm

17. Who arrives to help the motor-boat?

- A) A helicopter
- B) The police
- C) Another boat
- D) A plane

18. What does Paddy do when the helicopter arrives?

- A) He jumps into the water
- B) He gets angry
- C) He climbs into the helicopter
- D) He asks for help

19. What do Paddy's friends in the motor-boat try to do?

- A) They try to reach France
- B) They try to rescue Paddy
- C) They try to escape
- D) They try to hide from the police

20. What happens to John when Paddy hits him?

- A) He runs away
- B) He falls and hits a rock
- C) He fights back
- D) He hides in the house

### 21. What does Paddy do to get into the house?

- A) He breaks a window
- B) He opens the door
- C) He climbs onto the roof
- D) He shouts for help

22. Where does Anne go after Paddy breaks into the house?

- A) She hides in the garage
- B) She calls the police
- C) She runs into the road
- D) She fights Paddy

23. What does Paddy want from Anne?

- A) The house keys
- B) The garage and car keys
- C) Money
- D) Food

24. Where does Anne hide the car key?

- A) In her hand
- B) In the car
- C) In the garage
- D) On the beach

25. What do the police do when they arrive?

- A) They talk to John
- B) They arrest Paddy
- C) They help Paddy escape
- D) They leave the house

26. Where is Paddy from?

- A) France
- B) A nearby village
- C) Pentonville prison
- D) The city

27. What do the police say about Paddy's friends in the motor-boat?

- A) They are lost at sea
- B) They are going to France
- C) They are coming to help
- D) They are in another country

28. How do John and Anne feel at the end of the story?

- A) Happy
- B) Scared
- C) Relieved
- D) Angry

29. What does John have at the end of the story?

- A) A broken arm
- B) A black eye
- C) A bruise on his leg
- D) A cut on his face

30. Who helps to stop the motor-boat?

- A) The police
- B) John
- C) The helicopter
- D) Anne