Part 3

Questions 11 – 15

For each question, choose the correct answer.

Learning how to dive

Fourteen-year-old Henry Unsworth writes about his experiences.

Some of my friends have wanted to try diving for a long time. Although I'm a strong swimmer, I'd always been frightened of deep water. So I'd never considered going diving, even though I knew seeing all the fish would be amazing. I finally got so annoyed at being too terrified to swim in the sea on holiday that I asked if I could do a diving course. My mum and dad thought it would help me too, so I booked a three-day course.

There were six students on the course and we practised in a local pool. We had some classroom sessions on safety and managing stress first, then tried on the equipment. It looked quite confusing but I got used to it surprisingly quickly in the water. I was amazed how hard it was to judge how much air to put into or let out of my diving jacket, though. This is how you move up and down in the water. It's almost silent underwater when you're swimming, but diving is just the opposite because of the noise of your breathing.

Our teacher, Amy, was very experienced. We spent time in the classroom with her, learning about each new skill before we practised it in the pool. She made everything sound so easy, but it took a lot of practice to get it right, so I'm grateful we had to keep doing tasks until we could do them almost without thinking. This took some people longer than others, but she'd stay with them until they could do whatever it was we were learning, which was really important.

When we did our first sea dive, we were lucky that the water was really clear, as it's often hard to see more than a few metres. I soon wished I'd bought a thicker wetsuit though, as it was much colder than I'd expected. You could feel the waves underwater, which we'd never experienced in the pool, but I found it quite relaxing. We had to dive with a 'buddy' – like an underwater partner – and couldn't go more than a metre or two away from them. To my surprise, I had a really great dive!

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11 Why did Henry decide to learn how to dive?

A to add excitement to his life

B to please his parents

C to deal with a fear

D to achieve an ambition

12 What surprised Henry when he first went diving in the pool?

A how calm he felt

B how quiet it was underwater

C how complicated the equipment was

D how difficult it was to control your depth

13 What does Henry say about his teacher?

A It was annoying that she focused so much on some students.

B He's glad she made everyone repeat certain exercises.

C Her explanations weren't always very clear.

D She spent the right amount of time in the classroom.

14 What did Henry find most difficult about diving in the sea?

A the temperature of the water

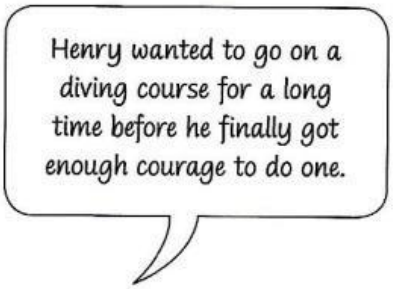
B being able to see very little

C the way the water moved

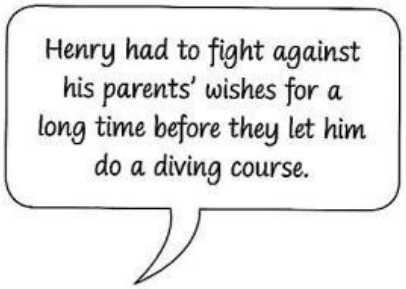
D being far from other divers

15 What would one of Henry's friends say about him?

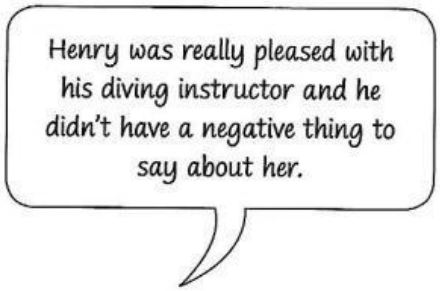
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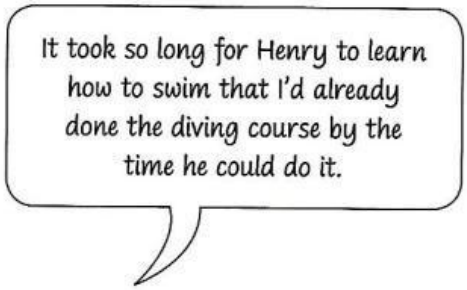
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