

A. Olivia, 11

It doesn't seem so amazing now but I remember the first time I saw the sea on a school trip. I looked at it in amazement. It was so beautiful and so huge! I asked my teacher, 'How big is it?' and he gave me a funny smile and explained that it was very big! We live in a city far from the coast and I've only ever been to the seaside twice in my life.

B. Santok, 11

Last year, I went on a rollercoaster for the first time. My friend asked me to go with him and I was really scared; but I decided to push myself and try it. It was exciting and terrifying at the same time! It climbed up and up and then suddenly dropped down really fast. That bit was the worst – I closed my eyes and screamed! It was okay because everyone else was screaming too, so that made me feel better. When it was finished, I felt a sense of pride for doing something brave. But I haven't been on a rollercoaster again!

C. Cody, 12

I felt really proud of myself when I first learned to swim! My dad taught me to swim and I remember that feeling of excitement very well. I was six years old and I had a fear of water. I didn't want to go in the water. But when I learned how to swim I wasn't afraid of it any more. I felt very satisfied because I had achieved something big. Since then, I have never been afraid of water again.



Matching Exercise

Match the information with the correct person: (A) Olivia, (B) Santok, or (C) Cody

1. ____ This person was scared of water when they were younger.
2. ____ This person remembers seeing something huge and beautiful on a school trip.
3. ____ This person hasn't repeated the experience they're writing about.
4. ____ This person talks about a moment of pride after being brave.
5. ____ This person asked a teacher a question during the experience.
6. ____ This person went on a rollercoaster for the first time.
7. ____ This person got help from their father.
8. ____ This person screamed but felt better because others did too.
9. ____ This person lives far from the coast.
10. ____ This person learned something new and was never afraid again.