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QUIZ

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READING AND WRITING

A Read the article.

Against all odds

Bethany Hamilton

Bethany Hamilton fell in love with surfing at a young age. She went surfing every day after school and even won competitions when she was only eight years old. Bethany felt peaceful and happy when she surfed, and it was a very important part of her life.

One day, when surfing, she was attacked by a shark. She survived the attack, but she lost her left arm. After such a terrible experience, many people would give up surfing and stay away from the water forever. But Bethany taught herself to surf with just one arm. She was surfing again after only one month! She even won a competition just three months after the attack.

Eric Yuan

Eric Yuan was born in China. When he was a young man, he traveled 10 hours to visit his girlfriend. This difficult journey made him think about how people communicate over long distances. After college, he tried to follow his dream of working in the US. He failed to get a visa to the US. eight times. But Yuan didn't give up.

He kept trying, and in 1997, he succeeded. He didn't speak any English when he arrived, but he studied hard and learned to speak well. After seven years in different jobs, he started his own company and called it Zoom.

Now, Zoom is a very successful technology company. It's used by millions of people every day. Eric even married the girlfriend he traveled for hours to see. He says those difficult journeys helped him become a success.



B Circle **T** for *true* or **F** for *false*.

1. Bethany Hamilton only surfed on the weekend.	T F
2. Bethany Hamilton won competitions before she was 10.	T F
3. Bethany Hamilton was attacked by a shark.	T F
4. Bethany Hamilton stopped surfing for three months.	T F
5. Eric Yuan drove for 10 hours to see his girlfriend.	T F
6. Eric Yuan tried to get a visa eight times.	T F
7. Eric Yuan started his company the year he arrived in the US.	T F
8. Eric Yuan has a wife.	T F

C Complete the paragraph. Use the simple past of the verbs in parentheses.

At the age of 13, I (1) _____ (travel) alone for the first time. I (2) _____ (go) to visit my grandparents in Los Angeles. I (3) _____ (feel) very nervous about traveling so far, but my mother (4) _____ (say), "Don't worry. You'll be fine." I (5) _____ (get) on the airplane and (6) _____ (talk) for a long time to a very nice woman who (7) _____ (sit) next to me. My grandparents (8) _____ (meet) me at the airport and (9) _____ (take) me to their home. I (10) _____ (stay) there for two weeks, and I (11) _____ (have) so much fun with them! It (12) _____ (be) my first time in Los Angeles, and I (13) _____ (see) lots of really interesting places. In the end, I (14) _____ (not, want) to go home!

B LESSONS LEARNED

VOCABULARY AND GRAMMAR

A Match the sentence halves.

_____ 1. Which classes are	a. grades this time.
_____ 2. Studying is important.	b. but we can have fun, too.
_____ 3. The study group meets on	c. my final exams for months.
_____ 4. I've been preparing for	d. lessons after work.
_____ 5. She's taking guitar	e. you taking this year?
_____ 6. I hope to get good	f. Thursday afternoons in the library.
_____ 7. Did you	g. pass or fail?

B Complete the paragraph with the words in the box. Use the simple past.

be find finish get go live move want

When Chang was young, his family (1) _____ in a small town. When he was eight, they (2) _____ to Shanghai. Chang (3) _____ a good education there. He (4) _____ to become a computer programmer. He (5) _____ college when he was 20 years old. Then he (6) _____ to New York City for a job interview. Chang (7) _____ very lucky, and he got the job. He also (8) _____ a cheap apartment, which was also very lucky. Chang invited his parents to visit him, but it was too far for them to travel.