

# Bethany Hamilton's story

## 1) Match these phrasal verbs to their meaning.

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| 1 get up   | [ ] continue       |
| 2 give up  | [ ] get out of bed |
| 3 get back | [ ] stop           |
| 4 go on    | [ ] return         |

## Past Simple Practice

## 2) Look at the Sign up to Grammar box. Then read this interview with Bethany Hamilton and fill in the gaps with the correct past form of the verbs in brackets.



Simon: When <sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (start) surfing, Bethany?

Bethany: I <sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (begin) when I was about five years old.

Simon: And when <sup>(3)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (win) your first competition?

Bethany: I <sup>(4)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (win) my first competition when I was eight.

Simon: I <sup>(5)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) that you had a terrible accident... Would you like to tell us about that?

Bethany: Yes, I remember that day very well.

It <sup>(6)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (be) the year 2003. I <sup>(7)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (get up) very early and <sup>(8)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) surfing. That day... a shark nearly <sup>(9)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) me for breakfast!

Simon: Oh, that sounds terrible! <sup>(10)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) consciousness?

Bethany: No, I <sup>(11)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not do). I remember everything: it was a tiger shark. Luckily, I was with friends and they helped me back to the coast, but, as you know, I <sup>(12)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (lose) my left arm.

Simon: I'm sure it was a frightening experience, but you <sup>(13)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not give up) after the accident.

Bethany: Oh, no. Definitely not. I can't live without surfing.

It <sup>(14)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not be) easy but I <sup>(15)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (get back) on my board four weeks after the attack.

I <sup>(16)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (not feel) afraid at all. On top of that,

I <sup>(17)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (win) the ESPY Award for Best Comeback Athlete of the Year.

Simon: Congratulations! What are your plans for the future?

Bethany: I'd like to go on surfing, writing books - I have a total of nine books, including my own autobiography - and helping kids. I <sup>(18)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to Thailand in 2005 after the tsunami to help kids. I want to do more of that.

Simon: Well Bethany, I wish you lots of luck with your future plans.

Bethany: Thank you!

## 3) Read the interview again and number the events from 1-5.

- [ ] A shark attacked her.
- [ ] Bethany started surfing.
- [ ] She wrote her first book.
- [ ] She went to Thailand to work with kids.
- [ ] She won an award for Best Comeback Athlete of the Year.
- [ ] She lost her left arm.

## 4) Let's talk about Bethany. Write true (T) or false (F) and correct the false sentences.

- 1 [ ] She won her first competition when she was 12.  
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- 2 [ ] She saw the shark.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 [ ] She lost her left leg.  
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- 4 [ ] After her accident, she gave up surfing.  
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- 5 [ ] She wrote three books.  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 6 [ ] She travelled to Thailand.  
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## 5) Listening

Now listen to Bethany's mother talking about the shark attack. Then read the statements below and write true (T) or false (F).

- 1 [ ] Before the accident, Bethany and her mum had breakfast together.
- 2 [ ] Bethany's mum stayed at home when she heard the ambulance siren.
- 3 [ ] Bethany was in hospital for fifteen days.
- 4 [ ] Bethany's mum is afraid of sharks now.
- 5 [ ] Bethany's mum is worried about Bethany.

