

READING COMPREHENSION

1. Read this newspaper article carefully and put the sentences in the correct order.

- Suddenly he saw a shark.
- Adam had a surgery in the hospital.
- One day Adam Maguire was surfing near Sydney, Australia.
- He was waiting for a larger wave.
- He reached the beach.
- The shark attacked him.
- Some dolphins arrived and saved Adam.

Betty Puttick tells us fascinating true stories of how these wonderful creatures have saved lives.

Everybody loves dolphins. Maybe it's their smile and their playful personality which is so appealing.

Dolphins are also very intelligent. Some scientists say that

they are more intelligent than humans. There are many people who are alive today because dolphins helped them when they were in danger. It is as if dolphins have some special telepathic power.

Teenager Adam Maguire owes his life to some dolphins who came to his rescue one afternoon in February, 1998. He was surfing near Sydney, Australia. He was not far from the beach, but while he was waiting for the next big wave, he saw a ten-foot-long Great White shark swimming toward him. Adam was terrified when the shark took a huge bite out of his surfboard. The shark then attacked Adam and bit his leg. As soon as the shark tasted Adam's blood, it was clear that it was going to kill him.

Fortunately, some dolphins were playing nearby. The dolphins quickly swam around Adam in circles. As they did so, they leapt and splashed in the water and frightened the shark away. Adam, who was still losing a lot of blood, managed to swim to the beach. He was taken to the hospital by lifeguards who called an ambulance immediately. There, he had an emergency surgery. He recovered and he can now walk –thanks to the help of the dolphins.



2. Read the article again and answer the questions.

- a) Why do people like dolphins? _____
- b) What is special about dolphins? _____
- c) What was Alan doing when the shark attacked him? _____
- d) What did Alan think when the shark bit him? _____
- e) How did the dolphins save Alan? _____
- f) What treatment did Alan receive in the hospital? _____