

I. READING COMPREHENSION



Jacques Cousteau was born on June 11th, 1910 near Bordeaux, in France. His father was an international lawyer and his mother was a very rich woman.

Jacques learned to swim when he was four years old. When he was ten, the family moved to New York. He learned to speak English and in a summer camp, he started diving. He didn't have goggles but he loved swimming underwater.

When the family moved back to France, they lived in Marseilles, by the Mediterranean Sea. Jacques swam in the sea all the time and bought a movie camera to film the world under water. He wasn't a good student so his parents sent him to a very difficult school very far from his house. It was a wonderful experience for the boy. When he finished school, he went to the French Naval Academy.

He swam under the sea every day. He created a pair of goggles and with them, he explored the sea floor. He loved the plants and animals that he could see there. With his friend Marcel Ichac they made a film called *18 Meters Deep*. The film won an art prize. Cousteau also made a television series called *The Undersea World of Jacques Cousteau*, and he wrote a book called *The Silent World*.

Cousteau married in 1937 with Simone Melchior and had two children, Jean Michel and Philipp.

He died on June 25, 1997.



Googles

Answer the questions

- 1) Where did he learn to speak English?

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- 2) Did he wear goggles when he was ten years old?

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- 3) Why did his parents send him to a school far from his home?

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- 4) How old was he when he died?

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II. Put the verbs in the correct form

When Cousteau (be) _____ forty years old, a very rich man called Thomas Guinness, (give) _____ him a big ship. The ship's name (be) _____ Calypso. Costeau (make) _____ a lot of marine expeditions with the ship and investigated about life in the sea. He (swim) _____ with dolphins and (play) _____ with octopuses and giant turtles. He discovered that whales and other animals (can) _____ communicate using sounds. He (not have) _____ much money but some companies (help) _____ him.