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Text 1 **A** **Read the diary entries.**

15th November – Day 1

It's hard to believe that I'm really doing this! Behind me on the shore are my home, my family and my friends. Ahead of me is an around-the-world journey of 23,000 nautical miles — by myself! I started sailing small yachts when I was eight years old. I've spent many happy hours on the ocean — and in it! Dad says I swim like a fish. I can do this!



25th December – Day 41

What a strange Christmas — no presents, no Christmas carols, no Christmas food! I haven't seen anybody for over a month. I've seen other boats, of course, but they were too far away for me to see any people. I did some fishing and caught ... a plastic bag and a tin can. This hasn't been my best Christmas ever! ☹

28th March – Day 134

Last night there was a terrible storm and I couldn't sleep at all. My yacht was thrown around by the wind like a children's toy. I heard crash after crash as things fell from shelves. Water came over the side and I worked for hours to get it all out with a bucket. Even worse — I've just eaten my last piece of chocolate. There's only freeze-dried food left now. I have to add water to it before I can eat it. I'm tired of this boring food. I can't stop thinking about steak, hamburgers and fries!



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30th May – Day 197

I haven't seen land for a long time now. Six dolphins are swimming next to my yacht so I don't feel too lonely! ☺

11th June – Day 209

I've been at sea for 209 days. I haven't seen my family and friends since last November. I'm missing my cat too! Tomorrow I'll be home! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again!



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B *Read the diary entries again and write long answers.*



1 How long did the journey take?

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2 The writer didn't feel so lonely on 30th May. Why?

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3 Why couldn't the writer stop thinking about steak, hamburgers and fries on 28th March?

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4 How did the writer feel about going home? Underline the sentence that tells you this.

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C *Blacken ● the circles.*

1 Read the 15th November entry: Dad says I swim like a fish.
This means ____ .

- ○ A. the writer swims well
- ○ B. the writer likes swimming with fish
- ○ C. the writer likes fish
- ○ D. the writer enjoys swimming

2 Read the 28th March entry: My yacht was thrown around by the wind like a children's toy. The writer tells us this to show that ____ .

- ○ A. the storm was fun
- ○ B. her yacht was a toy
- ○ C. the wind was very strong
- ○ D. she enjoyed playing with her yacht

3 What didn't the writer write about in her diary entries?

- ○ A. the weather during the trip
- ○ B. the animals she saw
- ○ C. the food she ate
- ○ D. the people she met

☆ 4 Which sentence is NOT true about the writer?

- ○ A. She travelled around the world by herself.
- ○ B. She thought she couldn't finish the trip.
- ○ C. She has a pet.
- ○ D. She started her trip in mid-November.

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