

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!

**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!



Date: _____

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

- 1 How long did the journey take?



Read the last entry carefully.

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

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

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

**C** Blacken ● the circles.

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

☐ A. the writer swims well
☐ C. the writer likes fish

☐ B. the writer likes swimming with 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
☐ C. the wind was very strong

☐ B. her yacht was a toy
☐ 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
☐ C. the food she ate

☐ B. the animals she saw
☐ 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.