

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!

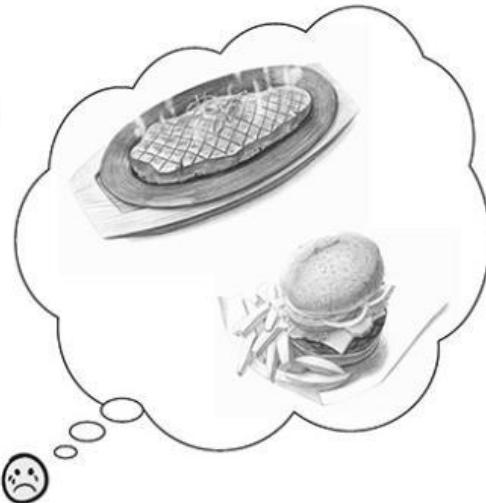


## 25th December – Day 41

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!



## 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?

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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.