1 Listen and read. 056 Why did Pascal swim to his mother?

Shark in the Water!

Pascal is running on the beach in the morning sun. The ocean is blue and quiet. Pascal and his parents are staying on a beautiful island that has many sandy beaches. Every morning, Pascal's dad plays tennis, Pascal runs on the beach, and Pascal's mom usually swims in the swimming pool at the hotel. However, today she is swimming in the ocean.

Pascal stops and watches his mom swim. "I'm 13," he thinks, "but Mom swims better than me."

An old man walks up to Pascal.

"Is that your mom?" he asks.

"Yes," says Pascal.

"Sharks sometimes swim in this area," says the man.

"Are they dangerous?" asks Pascal.

"Some sharks are more dangerous than others," says the man. "Your mother has to be careful."

Pascal looks around. It is early in the morning. There is no lifeguard to watch the swimmers. But there are five other people in the water. One of them is snorkeling.



Suddenly, the man who is snorkeling shouts, "Shark!"

People run quickly out of the water. But Pascal's mom doesn't hear the man. She is swimming too far away.

"Mom!" shouts Pascal. He dives into the water. He swims more quickly than he ever swam before. He swims closer and closer to his mom.

"Pascal, what's wrong?" she asks.

"There's a shark near here!" Pascal shouts.

Together, they swim toward the beach. "Hurry!" the old man shouts.

Finally, they get to the beach and sit on the sand.

"Thank you, Pascal," says his mom. "That was very scary."

The old man walks up to Pascal.

"You are a brave boy and a good son," he says. "And today you swam faster than a shark."

A-Z Look me up!

2 Read again and match.

1 This person saw the shark first.	**a** the old man
2 This person helped his mother.	**b** Pascal's mom
3 This person was scared.	**c** Pascal
4 This person thinks Pascal is brave.	**d** the man who was snorkeling

3 Ask and answer.

Would you do what Pascal did? Why or why not?

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The Very Helpful Horse

A long time ago, horses were wild animals. They did not live near people. Then, about 6,000 years ago, people in Asia started to ride horses. Two thousand years later, people in Europe started to ride horses. People from Spain went to North and South America 500 years ago. They took horses with them to ride. Horses were the fastest way to travel for thousands of years.

Horses were helpful to farmers, too. One horse could do the work of many people. Life was better for many farmers. Farms, towns, and cities grew bigger.

Horses helped people travel together. Stagecoaches in England started to take people from place to place about 400 years ago. Four horses pulled the stagecoach for ten miles. Then the driver used new horses. Horses pulled stagecoaches in England for over 200 years.







As people started to make machines, they used horses less. In the early 1800s, trains were much faster than stagecoaches. In the early 1900s, people started to use cars for travel and trucks for work. People didn't need horses like they did before.

Today, some farmers have horses for work, but most people ride horses as a hobby. We thank the helpful horses that gave people a better life for so many years.

6,000 years ago
People in Asia start riding horses.

4,000 years ago
People in Europe start riding horses.

500 years ago
People take horses to North and South America.

400 years ago
Horses start to pull stagecoaches.

200 years ago
People use trains.

100 years ago
People use cars and trucks.

Look me up!

5 Read again and write *T* (true) or *F* (false).

1 The horse was a very helpful animal. ____
2 People rode horses for thousands of years. ____
3 Stagecoach drivers used new horses every 20 miles. ____
4 Stagecoaches were faster than trains. ____

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