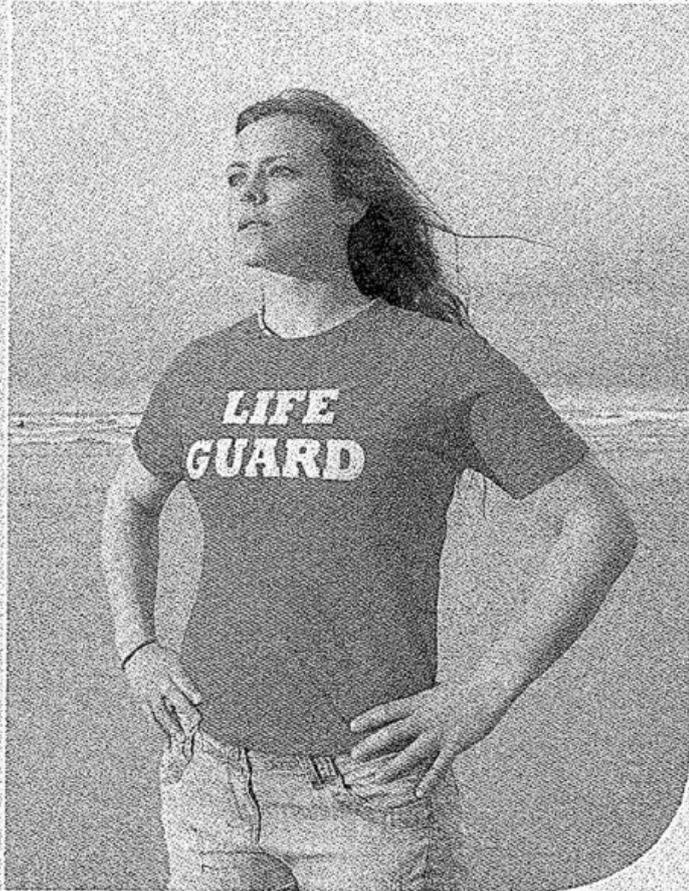


Meet Charlotte Simmonds, a young surf life-saver.

Charlotte Simmonds is a 17-year-old student from Sydney, Australia. Charlotte spends a lot of her spare time on the beach because she is also a surf life-saver. Her job is to save the lives of people on the beach or in the water, but she doesn't get any money for this. She does it because she wants to help.

When she's older, she hopes to work as a life-saver in some of the most famous surf beaches in the world, like Arugam Bay in Sri Lanka or Pipeline in Hawaii. However, first she wants to go to James Cook University in Australia to study Marine Biology.



Charlotte joined the Nippers Surf Life-Saving Club with her older brother when she was just five years old. 'We lived near the beach but my parents were very busy in their shop. This club was a great way to meet other children, stay fit and healthy and most importantly, we could spend hours on the beach. Like most of my friends, we learned to swim and surf when we were young. At the age of 15 I became a surf life-saver and soon after that I saved somebody in the sea. This year, Australian life-savers have already helped nearly 11,000 people.'

Charlotte loves looking after people on the beach. 'Everyone can see us on the beach because we wear red and yellow hats, shirts and shorts. If you can't see us that means we can't see you, so maybe you aren't safe.'



- 1** What does Charlotte say about her job?
 - A** She earns a lot.
 - B** She isn't paid much money.
 - C** She doesn't want to be paid.

- 2** In the future, Charlotte would like to
 - A** study in a foreign country.
 - B** become a famous surfer.
 - C** do a similar job somewhere else.

- 3** What does Charlotte say about her family?
 - A** They had a lot of free time together.
 - B** They had a small business.
 - C** They lived far from the beach.

- 4** When did Charlotte first help a swimmer?
 - A** When she was very young.
 - B** When she was 15.
 - C** When she was 17.

- 5** What advice does Charlotte give to people on the beach?
 - A** Make sure you can see the life-saver!
 - B** Look after other people on the beach!
 - C** Don't forget to wear a hat!