

# 1 CHILDREN OF COURAGE

1 These young people all received awards for courage. They all saved someone's life in an accident.

## Mark Tinker, 12, London

Mark was on holiday in Scotland with his father. 'We were climbing a mountain,' said Mark, 'when a rock fell on my father's leg.' Mark ran five miles and telephoned for an ambulance.



## Jackie Martin, 14, Manchester

Jackie and two old ladies were travelling in an ambulance, when the driver had a heart attack. Jackie took control of the ambulance and stopped it.



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## Daniel Clay, 13, Newcastle

While Daniel and his German penfriend, Hans, were fishing, Hans fell into the river. Daniel jumped into the water and saved his friend.



## Exercises

### 1 Who said these things?

'We were with a young girl when it happened. I was very afraid. But she was very brave.'

'I can't swim. So he saved my life.'

'I don't know what happened. I was driving to the hospital, when everything went black.'

'My leg's all right now thanks to my son.'

'No, I don't come from Scotland. We were on holiday.'

'I wasn't afraid. It all happened so quickly.'

'The water was very cold, but I didn't stop to think.'

## 2

## LANGUAGE CORNER

### past simple and past continuous

While Daniel and Hans **were fishing**, Hans **fell** into the river.

Daniel and Hans **were fishing**.



We call this the past continuous.



Hans **fell** into the river.

We call this the past simple.

When Hans **fell** into the river, Daniel **jumped** into the water.



Hans **fell** into the river.

Daniel **jumped** into the water.

**2a** Match these pictures to the correct stories. Write the name of Mark, Jackie or Daniel in the numbered spaces.



**b** Now write about each picture to retell the stories.

*Example*

*Daniel and Hans were fishing.  
Hans fell into the water.  
Daniel jumped...*

**3a** Kelly interviewed Mark. Match Mark's answers with Kelly's questions.

*Kelly's questions*

Hello. What's your name?

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How old are you, Mark?

Where do you live?

Why did you get the award?

What were you doing?

What happened, while you were climbing the mountain?

What did you do when the rock fell on your father's leg?

Is your father's leg all right now?

Thank you very much, Mark.

*Mark's answers:*

In London. (1)

Mark Tinker. (2)

A rock fell on my father's leg. (3)

I'm 12. (4)

I saved my father's life. (5)

Yes, thank you. (6)

I ran five miles and telephoned for an ambulance. (7)

We were climbing a mountain in Scotland. (8)

**b** Act the interview.

**4** Make the interviews with Jackie and Daniel.

## LANGUAGE CORNER

What are the answers to these two questions?

What were you doing when the rock fell?

What did you do when the rock fell?

Why are the two answers different?