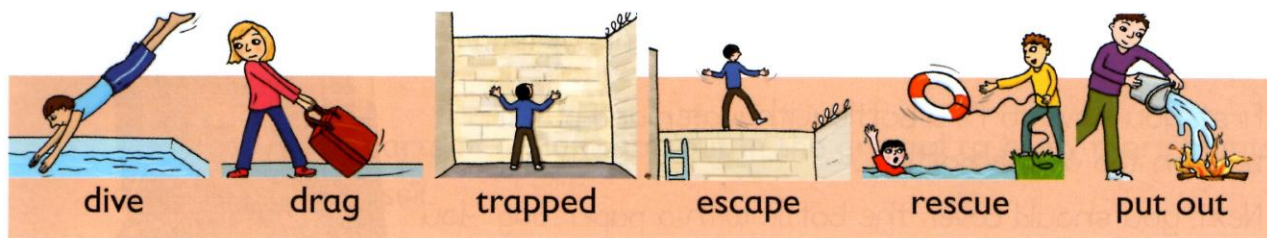


9 Heroes



Reading

1 Read and listen.

These newspaper articles tell the stories of three very brave young people from different parts of the world and why they are heroes.

A hero and a friend

Haden Stusak is from Atlanta in the USA. One day, he was playing in his grandma's swimming pool with his best friend, Josiah. Haden was practising diving when he saw Josiah at the bottom of the pool. He was drowning. The adults did not see him. "I was the only person who saw him," said Haden. Haden, who is six years old, quickly dived into the pool. He dragged five-year-old Josiah out of the water. A few minutes later Josiah was breathing again.

Everyone called Haden a hero. "I'm not a hero," said Haden. "I'm just a good friend."



Earthquake hero

Nine-year-old Lin Hao from China was having a Maths lesson with thirty of his classmates when there was a huge earthquake. The school building started to fall down. Lin and his classmates were trapped inside.

Lin was able to escape, but his friends were still in the building. Lin went back into the building three times to rescue them. "It was my job to look after my classmates", he said.



Good neighbours

Kiah Kurtzer, who is from Australia, was looking out of her bedroom window one night when she saw that her neighbour's bin was on fire. Fourteen-year-old Kiah first called the fire brigade, then she ran outside to start to put the fire out. She used water from the garden hose to put out the fire. Her neighbour came to help her. When the fire brigade arrived, the fire was already out.

"I was scared," said Kiah, "but I think it's important to help your neighbours."



Comprehension

2 Tick (✓) the correct sentences.

- 1 a Haden saw his friend at the bottom of the pool.
b Haden's friend saw him at the bottom of the pool.
- 2 a Josiah dragged Haden out of the pool.
b Haden dragged Josiah out of the pool.
- 3 a Kiah was at her neighbour's house when she saw the fire.
b Kiah was at home when she saw the fire.
- 4 a Kiah used water to put out the fire.
b The fire brigade put out the fire.
- 5 a The earthquake started when Lin was in a Maths lesson.
b Lin wasn't at school when the earthquake started.
- 6 a Lin escaped from the building.
b Lin's classmates rescued him from the building.
- 7 a Lin didn't go back into the building.
b Lin went back into the building.

✓

3 Match the sentences to the people who said them.

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| 1 "We were still in the building. Lin Hao came back and rescued us," | said Lin Hao. |
| 2 "The boys were playing in my swimming pool. I wasn't watching them," | said Haden's grandmother. |
| 3 "I need a new bin now, but I'm very happy. Thank you, Kiah," | said Lin Hao's friends. |
| 4 "He dived into the pool and saved me. He's a hero," | said Lin Hao's teacher. |
| 5 "All the children were brave, but Lin Hao was the bravest," | said Josiah. |
| 6 "I didn't think about the earthquake. I wanted to rescue my friends," | said Kiah's neighbour. |

Vocabulary

4 Circle.

- 1 The fire brigade arrived and put out / fell down the fire.
- 2 How did you *help* / escape from the building?
- 3 Come on! Let's *drag* / dive into the swimming pool.
- 4 Brave fire fighters *escaped* / rescued everyone in the building.
- 5 This box is heavy. Can you help me *drag* / find it to the door?
- 6 I can't move! I'm *trapped* / dragged.

5 Complete the texts with the words in the boxes.

pulled arrived dived **called** fell



Tom was walking by the river when he saw two little boys. The boys ¹ called to Tom. "Help! Our toy car ² _____ into the river and we can't get it."

Tom quickly ³ _____ into the river and he ⁴ _____ the car out of the water. The boys were very happy. Just then, the boys' father

⁵ _____. He said "Thank you very much." to Tom.

climb rescue trapped noise escape



Kelly was in her bedroom when she heard a ⁶ _____. She looked out of her bedroom window and saw that her neighbours' cat was in a tree in her garden. The cat was ⁷ _____ in the tree. It couldn't ⁸ _____ because the branch was very high.

Kelly went outside. She used a ladder to ⁹ _____ up and get the cat. Soon, the cat was safe and Kelly's neighbours were very happy.

"It's a very pretty cat," said Kelly. "I'm glad I could ¹⁰ _____ it."

Writing



My hero

My hero is Jake Sanders. Jake, who lives next door to us, is a taxi driver. We've known him since my family moved to this street five years ago.

I think Jake is a hero because he helped me and my mum when we lost our keys. We arrived home from the supermarket and we couldn't open the front door.

Jake saw us and went to find a ladder. He climbed up to the bathroom window, which was open. Then he climbed through the window and opened the door for us.

Jake is very kind and he is nice to everyone. I think Jake is an amazing person. I'm very glad that he's our neighbour.

6 Rewrite the sentences with commas.

1 Mike who lives next door is my best friend.

Mike, who lives next door, is my best friend.

2 Their house which is near the park is very big.

3 The children who were walking to school called for help.

4 Ben's dad who is a fire fighter saved the family.

5 This building which is very old is going to fall down.

7 Write about your hero in your notebook.

Use these words and phrases.

• My hero is ...

• I've known him / her since

• I think he / she is a hero because ...

• He / She is very ...