

He Really Wanted to Survive

1. Read the story

Look at the pictures on these pages.
What is the story about? Now read it.



ABERDEEN, WASH., USA ¹Jens Eventyr, 32, was alone in the Pacific Ocean one afternoon on his surfboard* when a storm came in. ²The water turned rough, and strong waves, four meters high, pulled Jens away from the beach. ³As the sun was going down, he saw a ship. "I screamed as loud as I could, but no one heard me," Jens said later. "It got dark, and I knew that the only one who could save me was me." ⁴The shore became more and more distant.

⁵All night Jens held on to his surfboard. The water was icy cold, and it was raining hard. ⁶Jens

was exhausted, weak, and close to drowning. "It was horrible. I was at the edge of death the whole night. I wanted to fall asleep, but there was a voice telling me, 'Stay awake!'" ⁷Just when Jens couldn't hold on any longer, the sun began to rise. ⁸The wind changed, and he rode a big wave all the way to the beach. Jens was fortunate. "He really wanted to survive," said a police officer.

* surfboard: a long, plastic thing that people use to ride on waves in the ocean

NEW WORDS

ocean *n*

rough *adj*

wave *n*

shore *n*

hold on *v*

exhausted *adj*

weak *adj*

drown *v*

horrible *adj*

whole *adj*

any longer *adv*

rise *v*

fortunate *adj*

survive *v*

>> See Glossary on page 90. >>

2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an X.

Not at All

1

2

3

4

A Lot

5

3. Check your comprehension

Correct five mistakes in the story summary.

Jens Eventyr was alone in the Pacific Ocean on a surfboard when a storm came in. Some weak waves pulled him away from the beach, and the shore became more and more distant. Jens held on to his board the whole day. He almost drowned, but just when he thought he could not survive any longer, the moon began to rise. The wind changed, and he rode a wave to a ship. Jens was unlucky.

4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- Jens was alone in the Pacific O_____ when the water turned ro_____.
- Jens h_____ on to his surfboard as the sh_____ became more distant.
- He became exhau_____ and w_____.
- “It was hor_____,” the fort_____ man said later.

5. Listen to the story track 12

Now listen to the story two or three times. Look at the pictures below as you listen.



6. Retell the story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Retell the story using the New Words.

7. Answer the questions

About the story...

- What pulled Jens away from the beach?
- What helped him survive the long night?
- What happened when the sun rose?
- What questions would you like to ask Jens?

About you...

- How do you feel when you're at the beach?
- Have you ever felt close to drowning? What did you do?
- Do you think you could survive a night in the water? Why or why not?
- What was a time in your life when you felt fortunate?

8. Learn word partnerships

Study the partnerships below. Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

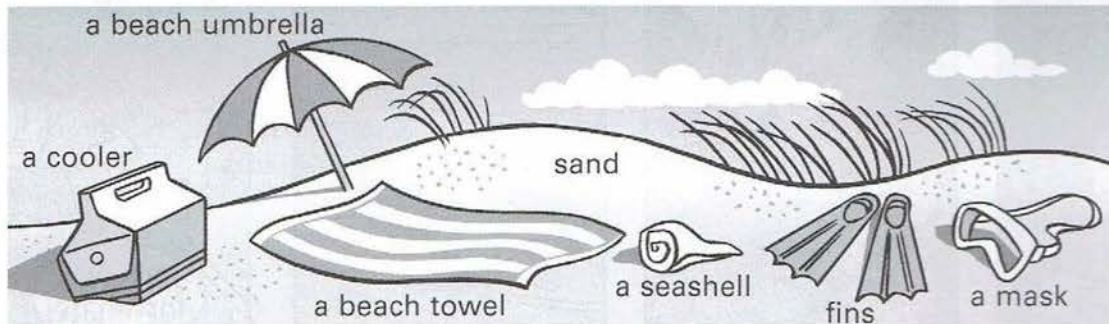
| SURVIVE | | |
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| survive | a horrible night an earthquake a heart attack a car accident an illness a typhoon | Jens survived a horrible night in the ocean. <i>I survived an earthquake two years ago. My uncle survived a heart attack in 2004. We survived a bad car accident in Rome. Many people survive illnesses like cancer. Not everyone survived the typhoon.</i> |

- I survived _____ in _____.
- My _____ survived _____ in _____.
- I read in the newspaper about someone who survived _____.

9. Learn word groups

Answer the questions so they are true for you. Use words from the picture.

AT THE BEACH



- Think about a beach you visit. What can you find there? _____
- What do you take to the beach? _____
- What do you take home from the beach? _____

10. Take a dictation track 13

Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 86.

11. Complete the story

Use the words from the box to complete the story.

exhausted waves survived whole shores fins ocean

70-YEAR-OLD SURVIVES 19 HOURS AT SEA



ISHIGAKI, JAPAN An adventurous* Japanese man who wanted to try something new for his seventieth birthday was pulled out into the (1) _____ for 19 hours. Hideo Murasugi was snorkeling** for the first time in his life when strong (2) _____ pulled him away from the (3) _____ of Ishigaki Island in southern Japan. Murasugi was in the water for the (4) _____ night while he waited for the wind to change. His (5) _____ helped him stay above

water. He knew he was not far from shore because he was still able to see lights.

Almost one day after entering the water, Murasugi swam back to the beach. He had (6) _____ the long night! He was (7) _____ and weak, but very fortunate. "It was my first time snorkeling, but I've had enough of it for a lifetime," he said.

*adventurous: liking new and exciting things

**snorkeling: swimming underwater with fins and a mask



Talk about the stories

Imagine that you and a partner are Jens Eventyr and Hideo Murasugi. You are meeting for the first time. Tell each other about your horrible night.