

Man Leaves Wife in the Atlantic

1. Read the story

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



LONDON, ENGLAND ¹Debra Veal and her husband, Andrew, pushed their small **boat** into the water from an **island** near Africa. ²Then they began to **row** 4,700 kilometers across the Atlantic. They were in a **race** with 35 other rowboats*.

³After two weeks, Andrew suddenly got **scared**. He could not eat or sleep. "I can't **go on**," he told his wife. They called for help, and a boat came for him.

⁴The British woman finished the race by herself. She was often **in danger**. She rowed for 111 days,

alone with **storms**, huge **waves**, and sharks**. Once a **large** ship nearly hit her. ⁵She was **lonely**, too, but she really **enjoyed** the adventure. ⁶Debra **finally** arrived in Barbados. She did not win, but she **was proud of** herself and happy to see Andrew. "It's OK for men to be afraid," she said. "I'm **proud of** him, too."

*rowboats: small boats with no engines

**sharks: big fish with sharp teeth that live in the sea

NEW WORDS

boat *n*

island *n*

row *v*

race *n*

scared *adj*

go on *v*

in danger *adv*

storm *n*

wave *n*

large *adj*

lonely *adj*

enjoy *v*

finally *adv*

be proud of *v*

>> See Glossary on page 95. >>

2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an X.

Not at All

A Lot

1

2

3

4

5

3. Check your comprehension

Put the sentences in the correct order. Number them 1–6.

- a. ___ Andrew called for help because he was scared.
- b. ___ Debra decided to go on alone.
- c. ___ They began to row across the Atlantic.
- d. ___ Debra and her husband left from an island near Africa.
- e. ___ Debra finally got to Barbados.
- f. ___ She was often in danger from ships, storms, and sharks.

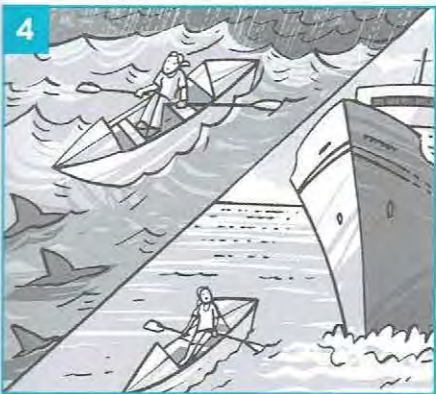
4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- a. After two weeks in the r___, Andrew could not go ___.
- b. Debra r___ed the boat by herself, and she was often lon___.
- c. Once a la___ ship almost hit her, and there were big st___s.
- d. When Debra fin___ arrived in Barbados, she was pr___ of herself.

5. Listen to the story track 32

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...

- Where did the race begin and finish?
- What do you think? Why did Andrew get scared?
- Why was Debra in danger?
- How does she feel about her husband now?

About you...

- What do you think of Debra?
- What question would you like to ask her?
- Were you ever in danger? What happened?
- What do you enjoy about the sea?

8. Learn word partnerships

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

ENJOY		
(really) enjoy	something	Debra really enjoyed the adventure. <i>I enjoy movies and television.</i> <i>We really enjoy baseball and soccer.</i> <i>I don't enjoy swimming.</i> <i>Naoko really enjoyed meeting you.</i> <i>My family enjoys cooking on weekends.</i>
	doing something	

- I enjoyed _____ when I was a child.
- My family _____ enjoys _____.
- I don't enjoy _____.

9. Learn word groups

Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use words from the pictures.

BOATS



a rowboat



a motorboat



a canoe



a sailboat



a fishing boat



a raft

- I would like to ride in _____.
- I would not like to ride in _____.
- When I was younger, I rode in _____.

10. Take a dictation track 33

Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 87.

11. Complete the story

Use the words from the box to complete the story.

waves enjoying scared motorboat large island

Friends Fly into Lake

KENORA, ONTARIO, CANADA Five Canadian friends were riding in a (1) _____ on a lake* in Ontario. It was summer, and everyone was (2) _____ the day. The driver was going fast over the (3) _____ when someone opened a (4) _____ box of food. Out flew a plastic** bag. It hit the driver's face and stayed there because the wind was so strong. He could not take it off his head, and he could not see a thing.

The boat was still moving fast when it hit a small (5) _____ in the middle of the lake. All five friends flew out of the boat and into the water. They were surprised and (6) _____! But nobody got hurt***, and everyone swam to the island.



* lake: a big area of water, smaller than a sea

** plastic: a strong but light material

*** hurt: injured



Talk about the stories

Imagine that you and a partner are Debra Veal and the driver of the motorboat. You are meeting for the first time. Tell each other about your boat adventures.