

Back in the Water Again



1. Read the story

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

HANALEI, HAWAII, USA ¹It was early morning and Bethany Hamilton, a star surfer*, was waiting for a **wave** off the **coast** of Hawaii. The water was **clear**, and the waves were **gentle**. ²Bethany, 13, was lying on her surfboard** with her arms in the water. Suddenly, a shark*** **appeared** out of nowhere and bit off her left arm just below the **shoulder**. ³"The water around me was red with blood," Bethany said later. She **remained** calm while her friends got her to the beach. Although she was **bleeding** heavily and in **pain**, she never cried.

⁴Bethany is one of the best young surfers in the USA. ⁵Several weeks after she lost her arm, she was smiling on TV and telling her story. "I'm lucky," she said. "I'm alive!" ⁶A month after the **attack**, Bethany returned to the water on her surfboard. ⁷Friends on the beach cried when Bethany stood up on her board and rode her first wave. ⁸"Man, she's **fantastic**," said a friend. "She gives people hope."

* surfer: a person who rides on waves on a board

** surfboard: a long board that a surfer uses

*** shark: a big fish with sharp teeth that lives in the sea

NEW WORDS

wave <i>n</i>	clear <i>adj</i>	appear <i>v</i>	remain <i>v</i>	pain <i>n</i>	fantastic <i>adj</i>
coast <i>n</i>	gentle <i>adj</i>	shoulder <i>n</i>	bleed <i>v</i>	attack <i>n</i>	

>> See Glossary on page 94. >>

2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an X.



3. Check your comprehension

Check (✓) the endings that are true.

- a. The shark bit off Bethany's
___ arm.
___ foot.
___ shoulder.
- b. Just after the attack, Bethany was
___ calm.
___ in pain.
___ crying.
- c. Several weeks later, she was
___ on TV.
___ back on her surfboard.
___ giving people hope.

4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- a. Bethany was waiting for a w___ in the clear waters off the co___ of Hawaii.
b. A shark ap___ed suddenly and bit off her arm below the sh_____.
c. Bethany was bl___ing after the shark at___, but she rem___ed calm.
d. "She's fan_____" said a friend.

5. Listen to the story track 28

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 happened to Bethany?
- What did she do a month after the attack?
- Why did friends cry when Bethany stood up on her board?
- What words do you think describe Bethany?

About you...

- What would you like to say to Bethany?
- Have you ever been near a dangerous animal? Where?
- What do you do at the beach?
- Are you a calm person like Bethany? Why or why not?

8. Learn word partnerships

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

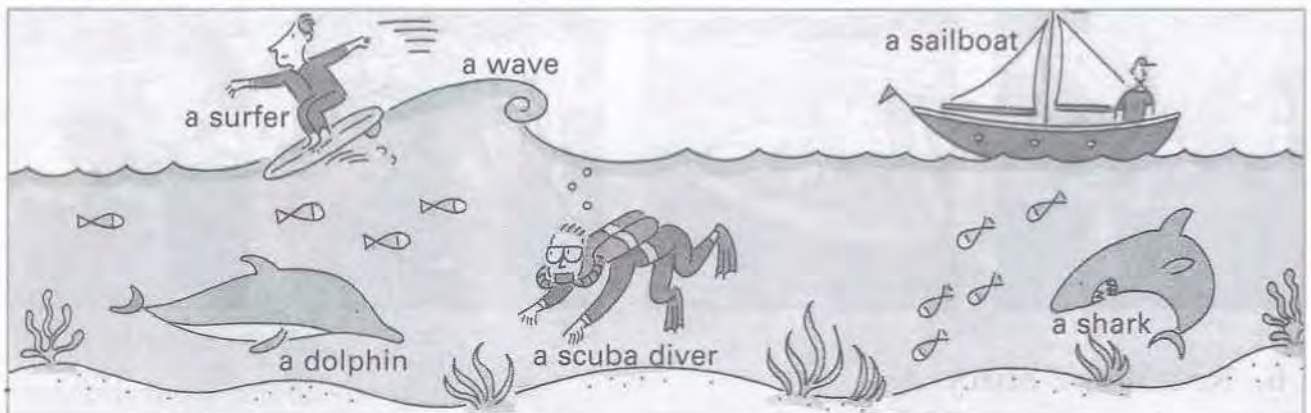
PAIN		
be in terrible / a lot of quite a bit of	pain	Bethany was in pain. She was in terrible pain. The man was in quite a bit of pain.
not feel	any much	pain I didn't feel any pain when I broke my leg. She didn't feel much pain after the accident.

- _____ had an accident and _____ pain.
- When I last went to the dentist, I _____ pain.
- I _____ pain when I _____.

9. Learn word groups

Complete the sentences so they are true. Use words from the picture.

IN THE WATER



- _____ is friendly to swimmers and surfers.
- _____ loves big waves.
- Scuba divers and surfers have to be careful of _____ attack.

10. Take a dictation track 29

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.

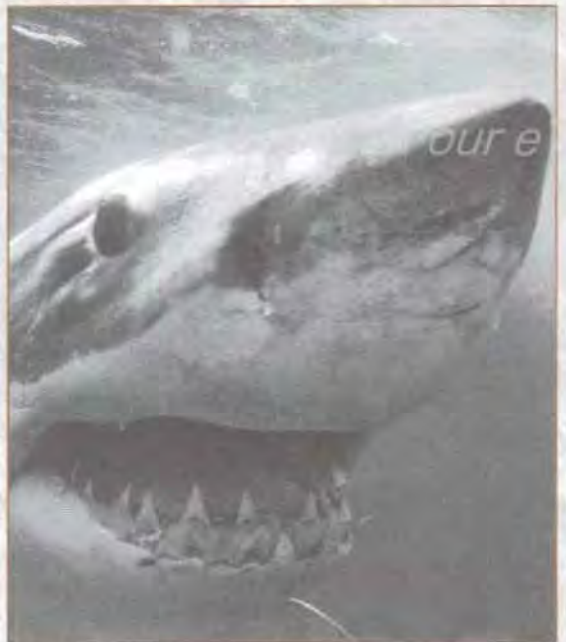
bleeding sailboat remained terrible pain
attack clear gentle

DOLPHINS SAVE TOURIST FROM SHARKS

EGYPT Three British tourists were in a (1) _____ on the (2) _____ waters of the Red Sea. When they saw a group of dolphins* in the water, they decided to go swimming with them. Later, two of the men returned to the boat while the third man, Martin Richardson, (3) _____ in the water a bit longer.

Suddenly, the men on the boat heard a scream. When they looked at Richardson, they saw that the water all around him was red. "Dolphins are always (4) _____, so we knew that he was (5) _____ from a shark (6) _____," said one friend. They quickly took their boat to Richardson. Three dolphins were swimming in a circle around the man—jumping into the air and hitting the water with their tails**. They were keeping the sharks away!

Richardson was in (7) _____, but he was lucky. The dolphins saved him. Soon after the attack, he was resting comfortably in an Egyptian hospital. He did not lose an arm or a leg.



* dolphins: intelligent animals that live in the sea

** tails: a tail is the long, thin part at the end of an animal's body



Talk about the stories

How are the stories of Bethany Hamilton and Martin Richardson similar? How are they different?