

# Girls Save Falling Child



## 1. Read the story

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

**BARRIE, CANADA** <sup>1</sup>Police have **congratulated** two young Canadian girls for their quick thinking\*. <sup>2</sup>Nine-year-old Stephanie Boddy and her friend Samantha Quinn were enjoying a **calm** afternoon **outdoors**. <sup>3</sup>The girls were sitting on the **grass** near their **apartment** building and having a picnic\*\* on an old **blanket**.

<sup>4</sup>They looked up to see a four-year-old boy, Skyler Christou, who was falling from a fourth floor window. <sup>5</sup>Without **hesitating**, Stephanie and Samantha pulled the blanket from under their picnic and ran to catch the child. <sup>6</sup>As the child fell, he turned **over and over**. The two girls held their

blanket open **wide**. “We moved **back and forth** as he came down,” Stephanie said. “I was really scared.”

<sup>7</sup>Skyler fell into the center of the blanket, bounced\*\*\* up, and then fell onto the ground. He was not seriously hurt. The blanket saved him. <sup>8</sup>Samantha’s mother said that she **was proud of** the girls. And the Barrie police **chief** added, “They’re wonderful!”

\* thinking: the idea that they had

\*\* picnic: a meal that you eat outside

\*\*\* bounced: moved up quickly after hitting something

## NEW WORDS

**congratulate** *v*

**calm** *adj*

**outdoors** *adv*

**grass** *n*

**apartment** *n*

**blanket** *n*

**hesitate** *v*

**as** *conj*

**over and over** *adv*

**wide** *adv*

**back and forth** *adv*

**be proud of** *v*

**chief** *n*

>> See Glossary on page 91. >>

## 2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an X.





### 3. Check your comprehension

Put the sentences in the correct order. Number them 1–7.

- a. \_\_\_ The boy fell into the blanket.
- b. \_\_\_ They did not hesitate.
- c. \_\_\_ They moved back and forth with their blanket open wide.
- d. \_\_\_ They looked up at their apartment building.
- e. \_\_\_ The police chief congratulated the girls for their good work.
- f. \_\_\_ They saw a small boy who was falling.
- g. \_\_\_ Two girls were having a picnic outdoors.

### 4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- a. The girls were having a picnic on the g\_\_\_\_\_ on a c\_\_\_\_\_ afternoon.
- b. The girls did not hes\_\_\_\_\_ when they saw the boy falling from the window of his apar\_\_\_\_\_.
- c. A\_\_\_\_\_ the boy turned o\_\_\_\_\_ and o\_\_\_\_\_, the girls opened their blanket w\_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Samantha's mother was pr\_\_\_\_\_ of the girls.

### 5. Listen to the story track 16

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...

- Why did the police chief congratulate the girls?
- What were the girls doing when they first saw Skyler?
- What happened to the boy as he fell?
- What saved him?

### About you...

- Where do you like to have a picnic?
- Have you or your friends ever been in danger? What happened?
- Who have you congratulated and for what?
- Which famous person from your country are you proud of? Why?

## 8. Learn word partnerships

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

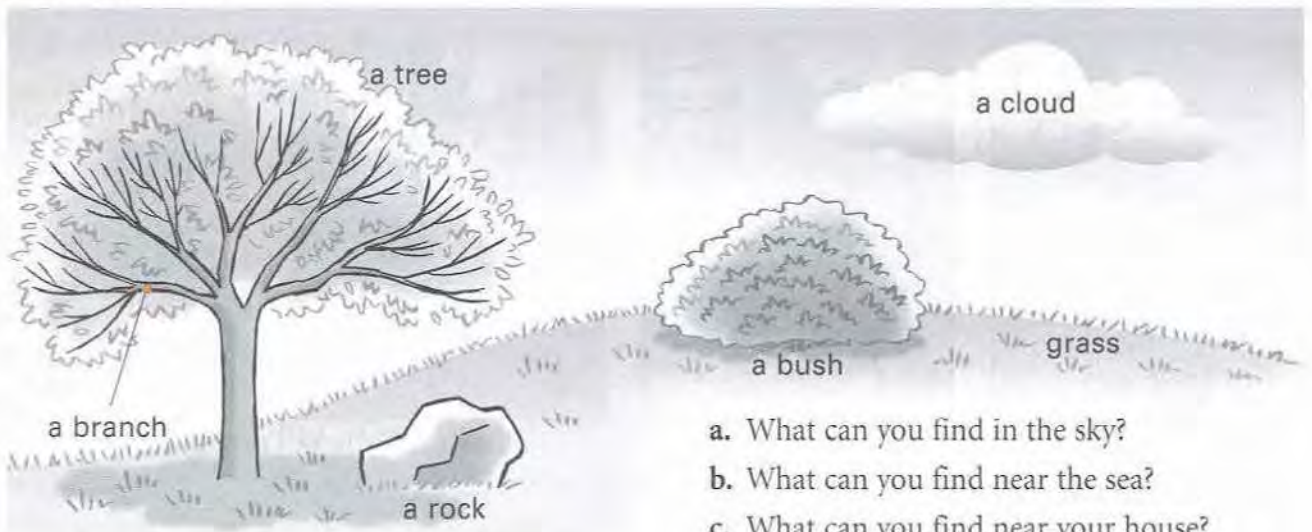
BE PROUD OF		
be proud of	something or someone	<b>Samantha's mother is proud of the girls.</b> <i>My parents are proud of me.</i> <i>I'm proud of my schoolwork.</i>
	doing something	<i>I'm proud of playing the guitar well.</i> <i>She's proud of doing well in school.</i> <i>We're proud of winning the game.</i>

- \_\_\_\_\_ proud of me.
- I'm proud of \_\_\_\_\_.
- When I was a child, I was proud \_\_\_\_\_.

## 9. Learn word groups

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

### OUTDOORS



- What can you find in the sky?
- What can you find near the sea?
- What can you find near your house?



## 10. Take a dictation track 17

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.

as    branch    grass    outdoors  
back and forth    is proud of

# Kangaroo Saves Man's Life

MORWELL, AUSTRALIA A family in Australia (1) \_\_\_\_\_ their kangaroo\*, Lulu. The wonderful animal saved the life of their father, Len Richards, 52.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ Richards was walking (3) \_\_\_\_\_ near his home, a tree

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ broke and knocked the man to the ground. He was seriously hurt.

When Lulu found Richards, she barked\*\* like a dog and went to find the family. She

ran (5) \_\_\_\_\_ until the family followed her. "Lulu is never like that," said Celeste

Richards, 17, "so we knew something was wrong with my father."

The kangaroo stood guard in the long

(6) \_\_\_\_\_ next to Richards until help

came. Richards does not remember the accident,

but his family has told him what Lulu did. "I love

that kangaroo; she saved my life," he says. Lulu

finds herself food in the Richards' kitchen when

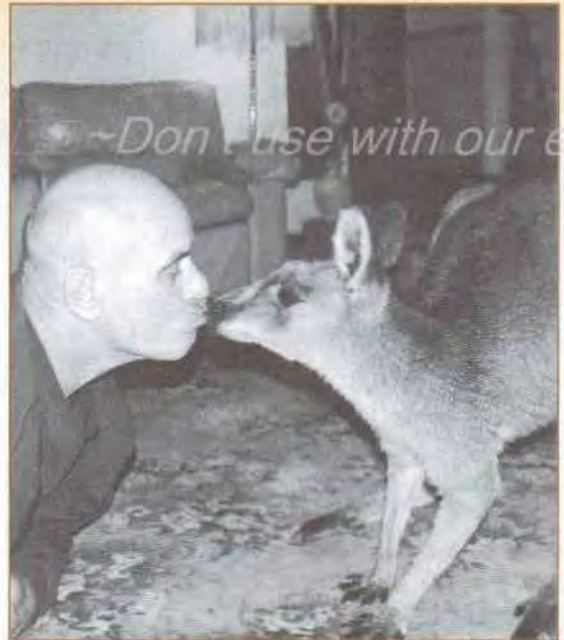
she is hungry, so they always knew that the

animal was smart. But they did not think that

she was that smart! Now she is also famous.

\*kangaroo: an animal in Australia that jumps on its back legs

\*\*barked: made a noise like a dog



### Talk about the stories

How are the stories of the two Canadian girls and Lulu similar? How are they different?