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Man briefly "swallowed" by humpback whale

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THE ARTICLE

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A packrafter had a lucky escape earlier this week after ending up in the jaws of a whale. Adrian Simancas, 23, was paddling through the icy waters of Patagonia, Chile, when an enormous humpback whale emerged from the deep and engulfed him and his inflatable raft in its mouth. Luckily for Mr Simancas, the esophagus of a humpback can only stretch to a diameter of 40 cm, and is ordinarily the width of a human fist. No sooner had Simancas been gulped up by the humpback than he was spat out into the choppy Southern Ocean. Simancas' father captured the whole horrifying incident on video. He said: "Suddenly, I saw Adrian emerge from the waves, along with what looked like a gigantic animal."

Mr Simancas recounted his terrifying ordeal to journalists back on dry land. He said: "I felt something hit me from behind. All this happened in a second. Something dark blue or white enveloped me, and a slimy texture brushed my face." He continued: "I started to sink, and I just closed my eyes, expecting an impact... I was surrounded by water. I realized that I was in something's mouth and I had been eaten." He added: "I felt like I was in a whirlpool... spinning around." The Guardian newspaper reported: "For a few fleeting moments, Adrian's fate was in the jaws of the 40-ton [mammal]." Adrian said his close encounter would not deter him from future rafting outings.

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WARM-UPS

1. WHALES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about whales. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

lucky / escape / jaws / icy waters / whale / inflatable raft / human fist / video / waves
terrifying ordeal / dry land / slimy / texture / whirlpool / sink / fate / close encounter

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. DOLPHINS: Students A **strongly** believe whales are better than dolphins; Students B **strongly** believe dolphins are better than whales. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CETACEANS: Humpback whales belong to a family of marine creatures called cetaceans. What do you know and want to know about these cetaceans? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Want to Know
Humpback whales		
Blue whales		
Orca		
Belugas		
Common dolphin		
Narwhals		

5. LUCKY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "lucky". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. CLOSE ENCOUNTERS: Rank these with your partner. Put the worst creatures to have a close encounter with at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Humpback whale
- Lion
- Grizzly bear
- Tarantula
- King cobra
- Scorpion
- Giant Asian hornet
- Mosquito

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. paddling | a. The tube in your body that carries food from your mouth to your stomach. |
| 2. emerged | b. Very, very big. |
| 3. engulfed | c. Moving a small boat or your hands and feet in water to go forward. |
| 4. inflatable | d. Came out from somewhere. |
| 5. esophagus | e. Something that can be filled with air. |
| 6. choppy | f. Rough and not smooth, often used to describe water. |
| 7. gigantic | g. Fully covered or surrounded by something. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. recounted | h. To stop or discourage someone from doing something. |
| 9. ordeal | i. Lasting for a very short time. |
| 10. enveloped | j. Wet, sticky, and slippery. |
| 11. slimy | k. Told a story or explained something that happened. |
| 12. fleeting | l. Short trips for fun or relaxation. |
| 13. deter | m. A very difficult or painful experience. |
| 14. outings | n. Completely covered or wrapped in something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250217-humpback-whale.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says a whale had a lucky escape earlier this week. **T / F**
2. Adrian Simancas was traversing icy waters in a kayak. **T / F**
3. The throat of a humpback whale is just over a metre wide. **T / F**
4. Mr Simancas' father caught his son's encounter with the whale on video. **T / F**
5. Adrian Simancas was interviewed by journalists while still in the sea. **T / F**
6. Adrian said he felt something slimy touch his face. **T / F**
7. When he was inside the whale's mouth, he knew he had been eating. **T / F**
8. Adrian will go out to sea in the future. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 1. lucky | a. alarming |
| 2. enormous | b. swallowed |
| 3. emerged | c. brief |
| 4. gulped | d. told |
| 5. horrifying | e. gargantuan |
| 6. recounted | f. destiny |
| 7. slimy | g. appeared |
| 8. fleeting | h. put off |
| 9. fate | i. fortunate |
| 10. deter | j. greasy |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. A packrafter had a lucky | a. dry land |
| 2. ending up in the jaws | b. the icy waters |
| 3. paddling through | c. moments |
| 4. stretch to a diameter | d. escape earlier this week |
| 5. he was spat out into the choppy | e. texture |
| 6. back on | f. of a whale |
| 7. Something dark blue or white | g. Southern Ocean |
| 8. a slimy | h. deter him |
| 9. For a few fleeting | i. enveloped me |
| 10. his close encounter would not | j. of 40 cm |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250217-humpback-whale.html>

A packrafter had a lucky (1) _____ earlier this week after ending up in the jaws of a whale. Adrian Simancas, 23, was (2) _____ through the icy waters of Patagonia, Chile, when an enormous humpback whale (3) _____ from the deep and engulfed him and his (4) _____ raft in its mouth. Luckily for Mr Simancas, the esophagus of a humpback can only stretch to a diameter of 40 cm, and is ordinarily the (5) _____ of a human fist. No sooner had Simancas been gulped up by the humpback than he was (6) _____ out into the choppy Southern Ocean. Simancas' father captured the whole (7) _____ incident on video. He said: "Suddenly, I saw Adrian emerge from the waves, along with what looked like a (8) _____ animal."

spat
escape
gigantic
emerged
horrifying
paddling
width
inflatable

Mr Simancas recounted his terrifying (9) _____ to journalists back on dry land. He said: "I felt something hit me from behind. All this happened in a (10) _____. Something dark blue or white (11) _____ me, and a slimy texture brushed my face." He continued: "I started to sink, and I just closed my eyes, expecting an (12) _____ ... I was surrounded by water. I (13) _____ that I was in something's mouth and I had been eaten." He added: "I felt like I was in a whirlpool... (14) _____ around." The Guardian newspaper reported: "For a few fleeting moments, Adrian's (15) _____ was in the jaws of the 40-ton [mammal]." Adrian said his close encounter would not deter him from future rafting (16) _____.

enveloped
realized
outings
ordeal
fate
impact
second
spinning

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250217-humpback-whale.html>

- 1) A packrafter had a lucky escape earlier this week after ending up _____
 - a. in the jaw
 - b. in the jowls
 - c. in the doors
 - d. in the jaws
- 2) Adrian Simancas, 23, was paddling through _____
 - a. the icy watery
 - b. the icy watered
 - c. the icy waters
 - d. the icy waiters
- 3) an enormous humpback whale emerged from the deep and engulfed him and _____
 - a. his insatiable raft
 - b. his inflatable raft
 - c. his unflatterable raft
 - d. his flatulent raft
- 4) stretch to a diameter of 40 cm, and is ordinarily the width of _____
 - a. a human first
 - b. a human fist
 - c. a human fast
 - d. a human fissure
- 5) Simancas' father captured the whole horrifying _____
 - a. incident in video
 - b. incident on video
 - c. incident by video
 - d. incident yon video
- 6) Mr Simancas recounted his terrifying ordeal to journalists back _____
 - a. one dry land
 - b. on dry land
 - c. on try land
 - d. on dry landing
- 7) Something dark blue or white enveloped me, and a slimy texture _____
 - a. crashed my face
 - b. crushed my face
 - c. blushed my face
 - d. brushed my face
- 8) He continued: "I started to sink, and I just closed my eyes, _____."
 - a. expecting an compact
 - b. expecting an in pact
 - c. expecting an in packed
 - d. expecting an impact
- 9) He added: "I felt like I was in a _____."
 - a. whirlpool... spinning around
 - b. whirlpool... spinning abound
 - c. whirlpool... spin in around
 - d. whirlpool... spanning around
- 10) Adrian said his close encounter would not deter him from _____
 - a. future rafting innings
 - b. future rafting outings
 - c. future rafting goings
 - d. future rafting comings

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Mr Simancas recounted (7) _____ to journalists back on dry land. He said: "I felt something hit me from behind. All this happened in a second. Something dark blue or (8) _____, and a slimy texture brushed my face." He continued: "I started to sink, and I just closed my eyes, (9) _____... I was surrounded by water. I realized that I was in something's mouth and I had been eaten." He added: "I felt like I was (10) _____... spinning around." The Guardian newspaper reported: "For a (11) _____, Adrian's fate was in the jaws of the 40-ton [mammal]." Adrian said his close encounter would not deter him from (12) _____.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250217-humpback-whale.html>

1. What does the article say about the temperature of the ocean?
2. What kind of craft was Adrian Simancas in?
3. How wide can a humpback whale's throat stretch?
4. What part of the human body is compared to a humpback's throat?
5. Who caught the encounter with the whale on video?
6. Where did journalists interview Adrian Simancas?
7. What was the texture of the thing that touch Adrian Simancas' face?
8. What did Mr Simancas think would happen after he closed his eyes?
9. What did Mr Simancas feel like he was in?
10. How much did the whale weigh?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250217-humpback-whale.html>

- 1) What does the article say about the temperature of the ocean?
 - a) 5°C
 - b) icy cold
 - c) temperate
 - d) lukewarm
- 2) What kind of craft was Adrian Simancas in?
 - a) a tiny motor boat
 - b) a kayak
 - c) an inflatable raft
 - d) a rowing boat
- 3) How wide can a humpback whale's throat stretch?
 - a) 70 cm
 - b) 20 cm
 - c) 30 cm
 - d) 40 cm
- 4) What part of the human body is compared to a humpback's throat?
 - a) a thigh
 - b) a fist
 - c) the rib cage
 - d) the pelvis
- 5) Who caught the encounter with the whale on video?
 - a) Adrian Simancas' father
 - b) a fisherman
 - c) a journalist
 - d) a cruise ship passenger
- 6) Where did journalists interview Adrian Simancas?
 - a) on dry land
 - b) at his house
 - c) in the ocean
 - d) at the news company
- 7) What was the texture of the thing that touch Adrian Simancas' face?
 - a) coarse
 - b) silky
 - c) rough
 - d) slimy
- 8) What did Mr Simancas think would happen after he closed his eyes?
 - a) he'd end up in the stomach
 - b) he'd be chewed to death
 - c) some kind of impact
 - d) he'd be trapped
- 9) What did Mr Simancas feel like he was in?
 - a) an ice bath
 - b) a dark sauna
 - c) a cave
 - d) a whirlpool
- 10) How much did the whale weigh?
 - a) 50 tons
 - b) 40 tons
 - c) 30 tons
 - d) 20 tons

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Giant Asian Hornets

You think giant Asian hornets are the scariest creatures. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't as scary. Also, tell the others which is the least scary of these (and why): lions, tarantulas or king cobras.

Role B – Lions

You think lions are the scariest creatures. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't as scary. Also, tell the others which is the least scary of these (and why): giant Asian hornets, tarantulas or king cobras.

Role C – Tarantulas

You think tarantulas are the scariest creatures. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't as scary. Also, tell the others which is the least scary of these (and why): lions, giant Asian hornets or king cobras.

Role D – King Cobras

You think king cobras are the scariest creatures. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their creatures aren't as scary. Also, tell the others which is the least scary of these (and why): lions, tarantulas or giant Asian hornets.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250217-humpback-whale.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'whale' and 'ocean'.

whale	ocean
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• lucky• icy• enormous• stretch• gulped• suddenly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• dry• dark• closed• realized• few• close
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WHALES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about whales in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WHALES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'whale'?
3. What do you know about humpback whales?
4. What do you know about Patagonia?
5. Would you like to go rafting in the sea?
6. What do you think of Adrian's ordeal?
7. Have you ever had a lucky escape?
8. How would you feel at being in a whale's mouth?
9. Have you had any scary encounters with animals?
10. What advice do you have for Adrian?

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WHALES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'ocean'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of whales?
15. What three adjectives best describe Adrian's ordeal?
16. How lucky is Adrian to have survived?
17. Do you believe in fate?
18. Should we do more to protect whales?
19. Which are better – whales or dolphins?
20. What questions would you like to ask Adrian about his experience?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) lucked out | (b) lucky | (c) luckily | (d) unlucky |
| 2. | (a) peddling | (b) paddling | (c) piddling | (d) plodding |
| 3. | (a) demerge | (b) submerged | (c) merged | (d) emerged |
| 4. | (a) widen | (b) width | (c) wide | (d) widening |
| 5. | (a) off | (b) in | (c) on | (d) up |
| 6. | (a) long | (b) longing | (c) along | (d) longs |
| 7. | (a) ordeal | (b) ideal | (c) deal | (d) misdeal |
| 8. | (a) stamped | (b) posted | (c) enveloped | (d) addressed |
| 9. | (a) tanking | (b) gambling | (c) betting | (d) expecting |
| 10. | (a) eaten | (b) ate | (c) eating | (d) eats |
| 11. | (a) fleeting | (b) bleating | (c) sleeting | (d) treating |
| 12. | (a) deter | (b) defer | (c) demure | (d) detest |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250217-humpback-whale.html>

Paragraph 1

1. emerged from the deep and lugenfed him
2. his bleantlafi raft
3. the hgresaupo of a humpback
4. Simancas been luegdp up by the humpback
5. the whole riihrynofg incident
6. looked like a icntggia animal

Paragraph 2

7. recounted his terrifying dlorea
8. Something dark blue or white eovnpdlee me
9. a ilyms texture
10. I felt like I was in a iolwhplro
11. For a few nfigltee moments
12. his close encounter would not etedr him

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250217-humpback-whale.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () than he was spat out into the choppy Southern Ocean. Simancas' father captured the whole horrifying
- () incident on video. He said: "Suddenly, I saw Adrian emerge from the waves, along with what looked like a gigantic animal."
- () reported: "For a few fleeting moments, Adrian's fate was in the jaws of the 40-ton
- () texture brushed my face." He continued: "I started to sink, and I just closed my eyes, expecting an
- (**1**) A packrafter had a lucky escape earlier this week after ending up in the jaws
- () of a whale. Adrian Simancas, 23, was paddling through the icy waters of Patagonia, Chile, when an enormous
- () mammal." Adrian said his close encounter would not deter him from future rafting outings.
- () raft in its mouth. Luckily for Mr Simancas, the esophagus of a humpback can only stretch to a diameter
- () Mr Simancas recounted his terrifying ordeal to journalists back on dry land. He said: "I felt something hit me
- () humpback whale emerged from the deep and engulfed him and his inflatable
- () eaten." He added: "I felt like I was in a whirlpool... spinning around." The Guardian newspaper
- () impact... I was surrounded by water. I realized that I was in something's mouth and I had been
- () from behind. All this happened in a second. Something dark blue or white enveloped me, and a slimy
- () of 40 cm, and is ordinarily the width of a human fist. No sooner had Simancas been gulped up by the humpback

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250217-humpback-whale.html>

1. lucky earlier He a week . had this escape
2. was the through paddling icy waters . He
3. whale An the enormous humpback from deep . emerged
4. width the ordinarily It's human a fist . of
5. the ocean . was out into choppy spat He
6. behind . something felt I hit me from
7. slimy a Then texture face . my brushed
8. that was I I in realized mouth . something's
9. like I whirlpool . a in felt was I
10. would deter not His encounter him . close

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250217-humpback-whale.html>

A packrafter had a *luckily / lucky* escape earlier this week after ending up in the jaws of a whale. Adrian Simancas, 23, was paddling through the icy waters of Patagonia, Chile, when an *enormous / gigantic* humpback whale emerged from the *depth / deep* and engulfed him and his *inflatable / inflation* raft in its mouth. Luckily for Mr Simancas, the esophagus of a humpback can only stretch to a *diameter / diametrical* of 40 cm, and is ordinarily the width of a human *tryst / fist*. No *sooner / later* had Simancas been gulped up by the humpback than he was *splat / spat* out into the choppy Southern Ocean. Simancas' father captured the whole horrifying incident on video. He said: "Suddenly, I saw Adrian *submerge / emerge* from the waves, along with what looked like a *frenetic / gigantic* animal."

Mr Simancas recounted his terrifying ordeal *to / at* journalists back on *dry / dried* land. He said: "I felt something hit me from *hinder / behind*. All this happened in a second. Something dark blue or white enveloped me, and a slimy texture *blushed / brushed* my face." He continued: "I started to sink, and I just closed *its / my* eyes, expecting an impact... I was surrounded *of / by* water. I realized that I was in something's mouth and I had been *eaten / eating*." He added: "I felt like I was in a whirlpool... spinning *around / about*." The Guardian newspaper reported: "For a *few / less* fleeting moments, Adrian's fate was in the jaws of the 40-ton [mammal]." Adrian said his close encounter would not deter him *in / from* future rafting outings.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2502/250217-humpback-whale.html>

_ p_ckr_ft_r h_d _ l_cky _sc_p_ __rl__r th_s w__k
_ft_r _nd_ng _p _n th_ j_ws _f _ wh_l_. _dr__n
S_m_nc_s, 23, w_s p_ddl_ng thr__gh th_ _cy w_t_rs _f
P_t_g_n__, Ch_l_, wh_n _n _n_rm__s h_mpb_ck wh_l_
_m_rg_d fr_m th_ d__p _nd _ng_lf_d h_m _nd h_s
_nfl_t_bl_ r_ft _n _ts m__th. L_ck_ly f_r Mr S_m_nc_s,
th_ _s_ph_g_s _f _ h_mpb_ck c_n _nly str_tch t_ _
d__m_t_r _f 40 cm, _nd _s _rd_n_r_ly th_ w_dth _f _
h_m_n f_st. N_ s__n_r h_d S_m_nc_s b__n g_lp_d _p
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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mr simancas recounted his terrifying ordeal to journalists back on dry land he said i felt something hit me from behind all this happened in a second something dark blue or white enveloped me and a slimy texture brushed my face he continued i started to sink and i just closed my eyes expecting an impact i was surrounded by water i realized that i was in somethings mouth and i had been eaten he added i felt like i was in a whirlpool spinning around the guardian newspaper reported for a few fleeting moments adrians fate was in the jaws of the 40ton mammal adrian said his close encounter would not deter him from future rafting outings

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. WHALES: Make a poster about whales. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. PROTECT THE WHALES: Write a magazine article about governments spending lots of money to protect whales. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on whales. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on whales. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. g 4. e 5. a 6. f 7. b
8. k 9. m 10. n 11. j 12. i 13. h 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. i	2. e	3. g	4. b	5. a
6. d	7. j	8. c	9. f	10. h

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Icy cold
2. An inflatable raft
3. 40 cm
4. A fist
5. Adrian Simancas' father
6. On dry land
7. Slimy
8. Some kind of impact
9. A whirlpool
10. Forty tons

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. He had a lucky escape earlier this week.
2. He was paddling through the icy waters.
3. An enormous humpback whale emerged from the deep.
4. It's ordinarily the width of a human fist.
5. He was spat out into the choppy ocean.
6. I felt something hit me from behind.
7. Then a slimy texture brushed my face.
8. I realized that I was in something's mouth.
9. I felt like I was in a whirlpool.
10. His close encounter would not deter him.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. c 3. d 4. b 5. a 6. a 7. d 8. c 9. d 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)