Unit 3 Extension

1 Read the story and answer the questions.

1 What was the writer planning to do?

2 What were other people doing?

3 Why wasn’t the writer concentrating on what he or she was doing?

4 What took the writer by surprise?

5 What happened to the writer?

6 How did the writer get back to the beach?

A Close Call

It was the last day of my Mediterranean holiday and I wanted to spend it windsurfing on the beautiful waters off my favourite beach. When I got there, the sea was quite calm and there was a nice light wind. The conditions were perfect for watersports and I couldn’t wait to get out on the water.

As I surfed along the waves, I watched the people snorkelling, fishing from boats or jet-skiing over the clear blue sea. I was having a fantastic time in my last few hours on holiday – but I was so busy watching everyone else that I wasn’t concentrating on what I was doing.

Suddenly a large wave caused by a jet-ski took me by surprise. I lost my balance, fell forward and hit my head hard on the board. I felt myself slipping into the water and everything went black. The next thing I knew, I was on the beach, coughing up water.

The only reason I’m still here today is that someone on a jet-ski saw what had happened and came and pulled me out of the water. I felt so grateful to my rescuer, and really lucky to be alive.

2 Read the story again. Then match the paragraphs (1–4) with the paragraph topics (a–d).

Paragraph 1 ______
Paragraph 2 ______
Paragraph 3 ______
Paragraph 4 ______

a what happened in the end and how the writer felt
b setting the scene – description of where the events take place
c description of the scene/events leading up to the main event
d description of the main event – what happened and how
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3 Read the writing task and complete the notes.

Imagine that you are the person who rescued the writer of the story from the sea. Write the story from your point of view. Make sure you include a description of the setting, the people, the events and your feelings.

- why you were at the beach that day
- what you were planning to do
- what you and other people were doing before the main event
- how you felt
- what happened next and what you did
- how you felt in the end

4 Write the task presented in Exercise 3. Use the notes you have made.