

Unit 3

Unit 3 Extension

1 Read the story and answer the questions.

1 What was the writer planning to do?

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2 What were other people doing?

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

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4 What took the writer by surprise?

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5 What happened to the writer?

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6 How did the writer get back to the beach?

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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

