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## Calling the Coast Guard— I Have an Emergency

*How did Don get help for his sick dad?*

I looked over where Dad had slept, thinking he was probably preparing breakfast. He was still in bed. That's when I knew something was seriously wrong with him. He was moaning.

I asked, "Dad, what's wrong?"

He didn't answer but continued to moan.

This was our first night fishing at sea. We had looked forward to this fishing trip for more than a year. If Dad were sick, how could we enjoy our vacation?

Yes, he was very sick.

Realizing I must get help, I moved toward the radio. Dad had never allowed me to use it. I didn't know what to do.

I pushed what I thought was the right button. Then with a frightened and nervous voice, I said, "Calling the Coast Guard—I have an emergency."

I waited a moment. Then with my nervous voice, I called again. Then came a weak voice I could hardly understand. "This is the Coast Guard. Go ahead."

With a nervous voice I said, "I am out on the ocean with my dad. He is very sick."

A comforting voice said, "Very calmly tell me your name. Tell me the name of your boat."

I said, "My name is Don Steel. The name of

our boat is the Pay Day."

A polite and comforting radio voice came back, "Don, you are doing very well. Now tell me the size and color of your boat."

"The Pay Day is a thirty-foot blue fishing boat," I said, almost out of breath.

"Don, take several deep breaths," the polite voice said. "Then do the best you can to tell me where you are."

I remembered Dad saying something about thirty miles (48 kilometers) north of Key Point. Trying to speak in a calm voice, I answered, "I think we are about thirty miles (48 kilometers) north of Key Point."

"Great, Don," the comforting voice came back. "Stay calm. Help is on the way."

Now, Don, I need your help with one other thing. I need you to tie something white to the top of your boat. A bed sheet will do."

I wanted to comfort Dad, but I couldn't. Getting a sheet tied to the top of the boat was important.

I pulled the sheet from my bed and climbed on the deck. I tied the sheet to the top of the boat.

Finally, a plane flew over but disappeared. My fear was that we were not thirty (48 kilometers) miles north of Key Point. Maybe our boat had drifted. If I were wrong, it would be difficult for the Coast Guard to find us. It might be impossible.

The polite voice came back on the radio, "Don, this is the Coast Guard. We have spotted you from the air. A Coast Guard boat should appear with emergency help soon."

I covered Dad and climbed back on the deck. The wait seemed like hours. Then a boat appeared.

The crew came on board immediately. Two men began treating Dad. What comfort and relief I felt.

As we unloaded at the dock, one of the men looked at me. He said, "Don, you did a fine job. I'll tell your father about the fine job you did." It was the polite voice that had been such a comfort and relief on the radio.

### A. New Words

- 1 **coast**
- 2 **comfort**
- 3 **deck**
- 4 **nervous**
- 5 **polite**
- 6 **thirty**

### B. USING THE NEW WORDS.

Write the new word that best completes each sentence.

1. The word that means “kind, friendly, and gentle” is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. If you live on land near or by the sea or ocean, you live on the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Don remembered his dad saying something about being \_\_\_\_\_ miles north of Key Point.
4. **Gentle** is to **calm** or **relaxed** as \_\_\_\_\_ is to **anxious** or **excited**.
5. The word that goes with relief, pleasure, and to make someone feel better is \_\_\_\_\_.

### C. THINK ABOUT IT.

Write the letter of the best answer:

6. Don and his father were rescued by
  - a. the Key Point police.
  - b. the Coast Guard.
  - c. the Pay Day.
  - d. none of the above.6. \_\_\_\_
7. Which happened last?
  - a. Don radioed the Coast Guard for help.
  - b. Don tied a sheet to the top of the boat.
  - c. The man from the Coast Guard said he would tell Don’s father about the fine job he did.
  - d. A plane flew over the boat.7. \_\_\_\_
8. Don was very nervous about using the radio. It was because
  - a. Dad had never allowed him to use it.
  - b. he knew the Coast Guard wouldn’t like a kid using a radio.
  - c. he was not using a polite voice.
  - d. he didn’t trust the Coast Guard.8. \_\_\_\_
9. Don was comforted by
  - a. the polite, comforting voice.
  - b. the news the Coast Guard had spotted them from the air.
  - c. the crew coming on board and treating his dad.
  - d. all the above.9. \_\_\_\_
10. What would be another good name or title for this story?
  - a. Son Is Too Nervous to Call the Coast Guard
  - b. Sick, Nervous Father Treated by Coast Guard
  - c. Radio Call by Son Leads to Rescue of Sick Father
  - d. none of the above.10. \_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Number correct \_\_\_\_\_

### D. WORDS WITH SAME ENDING

As you read each word, think about its meaning. Practice reading the words.

- |                 |                |                |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. <b>-oast</b> | 2. <b>-eck</b> | 3. <b>-elt</b> |
| a. toast        | a. deck        | a. felt        |
| b. coast        | b. neck        | b. belt        |
| c. boast        | c. peck        | c. melt        |
| d. roast        | d. check       | d. pelt        |
|                 | e. wreck       | e. smelt       |
| 4. <b>-ab</b>   | 5. <b>-ap</b>  |                |
| a. grab         | a. cap         | i. clap        |
| b. crab         | b. map         | j. trap        |
| c. cab          | c. tap         | k. flap        |
| d. dab          | d. gap         | l. chap        |
| e. stab         | e. lap         | m. wrap        |
| f. lab          | f. sap         | n. strap       |
| g. slab         | g. nap         | o. scrap       |
| h. scab         | h. snap        |                |

*Life Jackets Save Lives***Don't Forget a Life Jacket**

*What two wise things did the writer promise to do?*

“Doesn't that stupid guy see us?” I yelled. “He's going to hit our boat!” I grabbed hold of the seat as the speeding boat somehow passed without hitting us.

I leaped to my feet to shout at the stupid driver. Just as I got on my feet, the first huge wave hit our boat. The wave caused our boat to rock. I lost my balance and fell to one side of the boat. The second wave hit, and over went the boat.

Bob and I were both in the water. It was then that I discovered I had forgotten the life jackets. I could hear my mother's last words: “Don't forget the life jackets. Be sure both of you have them on at all times.”

I felt very stupid. This was the first time Dad had agreed to let us take the boat out by ourselves. What a foolish and stupid mistake I had made. How could I ever ask him to trust me again?

I began to realize what a serious problem I had. What could I do now? I was in the cold lake water with no life jacket.

My next thought was “I wish I had taken that swimming class with Bob.”

I swallowed some water, and my body sank

deeper. Then I felt Bob grab my arm. He managed to pull me to the boat. I felt some relief as I gripped the bottom of the boat.

I could tell Bob was frightened, but he managed to stay calm. He said, “Let's just hold on to the bottom of the boat. Take a few deep breaths and try to relax. Let's stay calm. That will help us figure out what choices we have.”

I felt some comfort as I remembered Bob telling me how well he had done in his swimming class. What could I expect of him here in this deep, cold water so far from the shore?

Bob decided our only choice was to swim to shore. It was then I had to tell Bob the awful news. I couldn't swim. He looked even more worried.

He then explained that in the swimming class he had learned how to put one arm across the chest of a person and swim to shore with him or her. He showed me how it was done. I didn't like the idea, but what other choice did I have?

Just as I turned loose of the boat bottom, I swallowed some water. Fear gripped me. I became very frightened. I grabbed Bob around the neck. This ducked his head in the water.

He gave me a hard push on the chin. Somehow he managed to get loose of the tight grip I had on him. He quickly locked his arm around my chest and managed to get us back to the upside-down boat.

It was now dark. I thought I heard a boat coming toward us. It was. Suddenly a flashlight shined in my eyes. There was great relief when I heard Dad's voice.

I began my swimming classes last week. I've promised Bob I'll become the best swimmer in the class.

Oh, yes, and I've promised Mom I'll always wear my life jacket when I'm in the boat.

### A. New Words

- 1 **balance**
- 2 **choice**
- 3 **figure**
- 4 **manage**
- 5 **stupid**
- 6 **swallowed**

### B. USING THE NEW WORDS.

Write the new word that best completes each sentence.

1. The word that means “to direct, control, or handle” is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. I didn’t close my mouth as my body sank deeper into the water, so I \_\_\_\_\_ some water.
3. Bob thought our only \_\_\_\_\_ was to swim to shore.
4. **Intelligent** is to **smart** as **not wise** is to \_\_\_\_\_.
5. My foot slipped and I fell on the deck when I lost my \_\_\_\_\_.

### C. THINK ABOUT IT.

Write the letter of the best answer:

6. This was the first time Dad had allowed us to  
a. use the life jackets.  
b. take the boat out by ourselves.  
c. take swimming lessons.  
d. do none of the above.                      6. \_\_\_\_
7. Which happened first?  
a. Bob did very well in swimming class.  
b. I decided taking swimming lessons was a very good idea.  
c. I swallowed water, fear gripped me, and I grabbed Bob around the neck.  
d. I stood up in the boat to yell at the stupid guy and to tell him what a foolish thing he had done.                      7. \_\_\_\_
8. Bob gave me a hard push on the chin. It was because  
a. I had told him the bad news that I couldn’t swim and he was mad at me.  
b. what I had done was not polite.  
c. he knew that I was so frightened I might drown him.  
d. of none of the above.                      8. \_\_\_\_
9. In which list do the words not belong together or mean much the same?  
a. stupid, unwise, and foolish  
b. polite, kind, and gentle  
c. manage, control, and direct  
d. choice, deck, and coast  
e. nervous, anxious, and afraid                      9. \_\_\_\_

10. What is the main idea of this story?  
a. Boating can be very dangerous if you don’t know and practice boating safety.  
b. Bob did very well in swimming class and didn’t need to wear a life jacket.  
c. Parents are stupid if they let young people take a boat out alone.  
d. none of the above                      10. \_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Number correct \_\_\_\_\_

### D. NUMBER WORDS

Read the number words below. Practice reading them to yourself.

- |                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| 1.              | 2.          |
| a. two          | a. forty    |
| b. five         | b. sixty    |
| c. eight        | c. fifty    |
| d. three        | d. ninety   |
| e. seven        | e. thirty   |
| f. nine         | f. seventy  |
| g. one          | g. twenty   |
| h. four         | h. eighty   |
| i. ten          | i. hundred  |
| j. six          | j. thousand |
| 3.              | 4.          |
| a. thirty-seven | a. second   |
| b. fifty-two    | b. third    |
| c. sixty-eight  | c. fourth   |
| d. ninety-six   | d. seventh  |
| e. twenty-five  | e. tenth    |
| f. eighty-three | f. sixth    |
| g. seventy-four | g. fifth    |
| h. forty-nine   | h. eighth   |
| i. ninety-one   | i. ninth    |