

Reading Comprehension: Real Life Dramas:

Read the newspaper article and then mark the statements true or false. **Correct the false statements!**

Eight Year Old Boy Rescued by Crocodile!

Thomas Hanson, a little boy who fell down from a high rock into a River in Florida yesterday, is alive! Workers of a rescue team who came to the place where the accident happened said that this was a real miracle¹.

Thomas had gone on a trip with his parents and his older sister Janet in the woods near the River. While the parents were having a picnic on a sunny field, the two children were playing on some rocks. They wanted to see who could climb higher when suddenly Thomas slipped on some wet leaves and fell into the river.

“The rock was very high, and Tommy hit his head on a big stone before he finally disappeared in the water,” said his sister. “I was terrified and quickly ran to our mom and dad!”

When the parents heard what had happened, they quickly ran to the rocks where the children had played. In a tourist guide, their mother had read that the river was full of dangerous crocodiles, and so she feared that nobody could help her son any more.

While they were waiting for the rescue team which they had phoned, they were calling their son’s name, but they got no answer.

“We both started to cry, because we were so afraid,” explained Ron, the boy’s father. “But then, suddenly, Janet shouted that she had seen something!” So they quickly ran to their daughter, who was standing next to the river at the bottom of the rocks. They couldn’t believe their eyes when they saw what was happening.

“A young crocodile was swimming to us. On its back, we saw Thomas, who was looking a bit afraid, but well off. The crocodile had rescued our son!”

Rescue workers said that they had never before seen something like that. Usually crocodiles bite people who enter the river. But they think that probably, the young crocodile wasn’t hungry, and so it brought the boy back to his family safely.

“We’re all very happy that nothing bad happened!” said Thomas’ mother. And Thomas promised: “I will never climb on such a high rock again!”

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| 1. Thomas Hanson, who fell down from a tree, is alive. | [] | [] |
| 2. Thomas was on a trip in Florida with his parents and his sister. | [] | [] |
| 3. The boy was climbing on the rock alone. | [] | [] |
| 4. He jumped into the river because he wanted to go swimming. | [] | [] |
| 5. Janet quickly ran to her parents after the accident had happened. | [] | [] |
| 6. They didn’t know that there were crocodiles in the river. | [] | [] |
| 7. Thomas’ parents were crying because they were afraid. | [] | [] |
| 8. They were surprised when they saw the crocodile with Thomas. | [] | [] |
| 9. Normally, crocodiles leave people alone. | [] | [] |
| 10. The young crocodile was very hungry. | [] | [] |

¹ miracle = Wunder

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