



# True Stories 1B

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# UNIT 1

## 1 PRE-READING

Look at the pictures. Listen to your teacher tell the story.

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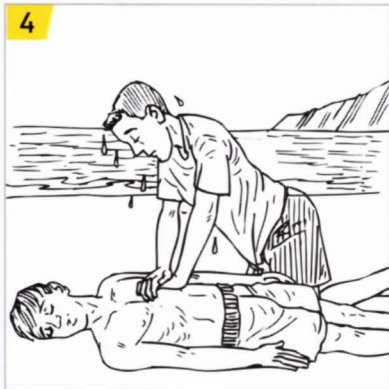
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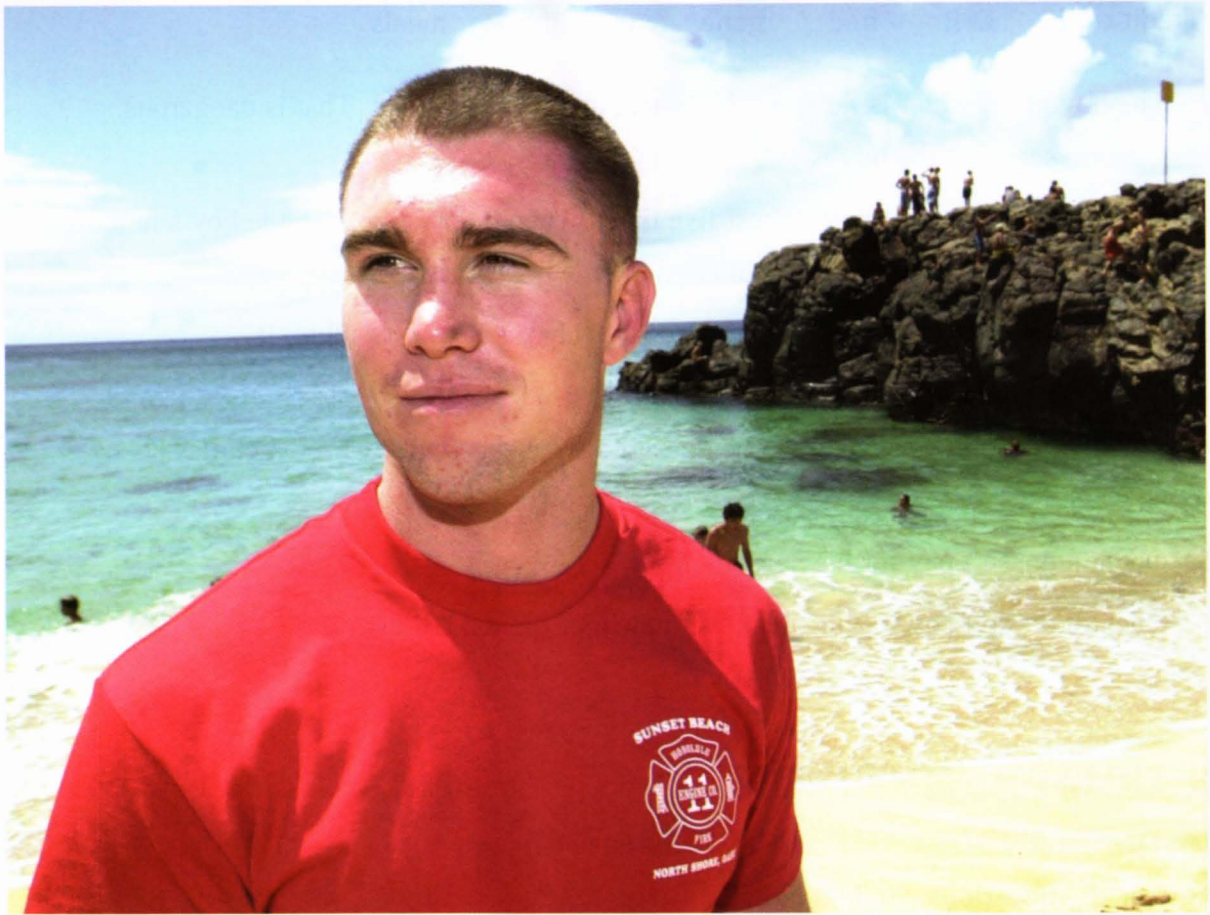
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# Hawaiian Vacation



Quentin Gwynn

Quentin Gwynn is in Hawaii with friends. He is on vacation, and he is having a wonderful time.

One afternoon Quentin is standing on a high rock. He is looking at the ocean. He sees a boy in the water below. The boy is in trouble. He is far from the beach, and he can't swim. Quentin takes off his backpack and his shoes. Then he jumps into the water, swims to the boy, and pulls him to the beach.

The boy isn't breathing. Quentin gives him CPR, and the boy begins to breathe again. Later, an ambulance comes. Paramedics check the boy. "He is fine," the paramedics tell Quentin. "You saved his life."

Quentin walks back to the high rock. His

shoes are there, but his backpack is gone. Quentin's credit cards, his camera, and his money were in the backpack. "Well," Quentin thinks, "this is the end of my vacation."

Quentin's story is in the newspaper. People read about Quentin and the boy. They also read about Quentin's backpack.

A hotel owner tells Quentin, "Your room here is free." Restaurant owners tell Quentin, "Your meals here are free." A lot of people give Quentin money. "Here's money for a new camera," the people say. "Buy some other things, too. Have fun in Hawaii."

So it is not the end of Quentin's vacation. He stays in Hawaii an extra week. He has a wonderful time.



## 2 VOCABULARY

Write the correct word on the line.

credit card    CPR    free    gone    in trouble    meals

1. The boy in the water is far from the beach, and he can't swim. That is dangerous.  
Quentin sees that the boy is in trouble.
2. Quentin pushes on the boy's chest five times. Then he breathes into the boy's mouth.  
He does this many times. Quentin is giving the boy \_\_\_\_\_.
3. When Quentin goes back to the high rock, his backpack is not there. It  
is \_\_\_\_\_.
4. When Quentin buys something, he doesn't always pay with cash. Sometimes he  
pays with a \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Quentin doesn't pay for his hotel room. It is \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Quentin doesn't pay for his breakfast, lunch, or dinner. All his  
\_\_\_\_\_ are free, too.

## 3 COMPREHENSION

### UNDERSTANDING THE MAIN IDEAS

Answer the questions. Circle *a* or *b*.

1. Where is Quentin?  
☒ a. He is on vacation in Hawaii.  
b. He is on vacation in Mexico.
2. Who gives the boy CPR?  
a. Paramedics give the boy CPR.  
b. Quentin gives the boy CPR.
3. What happens to Quentin's backpack?  
a. Someone takes it.  
b. He leaves it at the hotel.
4. What is in Quentin's backpack?  
a. His credit cards, his camera, and his money are in his backpack.  
b. His sunglasses, his camera, and a map of Hawaii are in his backpack.
5. What do people give Quentin?  
a. They give him a free plane ticket home.  
b. They give him a free hotel room, free meals, and money.

## UNDERSTANDING SEQUENCE

Which happens first? Write 1 on the line. Which happens second? Write 2 on the line.

1. 2 Quentin pulls the boy to the beach.  
1 Quentin jumps into the water.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Quentin gives the boy CPR.  
\_\_\_\_\_ The boy begins to breathe again.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Paramedics tell Quentin the boy is fine.  
\_\_\_\_\_ An ambulance comes.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Someone takes Quentin's backpack.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Quentin's story is in the newspaper.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ People give Quentin money.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Quentin stays in Hawaii an extra week.

## 4 DISCUSSION / WRITING

**A** With your classmates, talk about good places to have a vacation: Hawaii? Acapulco? Paris? Make a list on the board.

**B** Choose one of the places on the board. On your own paper, write four sentences about it. (Do not write the name of the place on your paper.)  
For example:

1. *It is hot there.*
2. *There are beautiful beaches.*
3. *Many people go there to see the sunset.*
4. *Young men dive into the ocean from high rocks.*

**C** Tape your paper to a wall in your classroom.

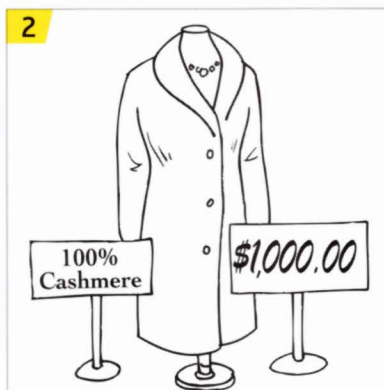
**D** Walk around the room. Read the sentences on each paper. Which place do the sentences describe? If you think you know, write the place on the paper.

**E** Take your paper off the wall and read your sentences to the class. Tell the class the name of the place you described.

# UNIT 2

## 1 PRE-READING

Look at the pictures. Listen to your teacher tell the story.





# The Birthday Present



Joe is shopping. He is looking for a present for his wife. Her birthday is in two days.

He sees a coat. It is a warm coat, and it is beautiful. It is also expensive—\$1,000. Joe is not a rich man. But he loves the coat, and he loves his wife, so he buys the coat.

Joe doesn't want his wife to see the coat, so he puts it in a black plastic bag. Then he takes the coat to his brother's house.

When Joe arrives at his brother's house, his sister-in-law is outside shoveling snow. "I'll help you," Joe says. He puts the black plastic bag down on the snow.

While Joe is shoveling snow, a garbage truck comes. The men see the black plastic bag on the snow. They pick it up and throw it into the truck.

When Joe finishes shoveling the snow, he looks for the black plastic bag. It is gone! Then Joe remembers the garbage truck. "Oh, no!" he thinks. "Maybe the black plastic bag is in the garbage truck!"

The garbage truck takes garbage to the dump. So Joe drives to the dump. There are thousands of black plastic bags at the dump. Which one has the coat in it? For hours, Joe opens black plastic bags. He finds empty boxes and cans. He finds old shoes and clothes. He finds old potatoes and onions. Finally, he finds the coat.

Joe gives the coat to his wife on her birthday. "It's beautiful!" she says. "I love it! But..."

"But what?" Joe asks.

"It smells like onions."



## 2 VOCABULARY

Write the correct word on the line.

dump      empty      gone      present      shoveling      sister-in-law

1. Joe wants to give his wife something. He is looking for a \_\_\_\_\_ present \_\_\_\_\_ for her.
2. Joe's brother is married. When Joe arrives at his brother's house, his brother's wife is outside working. Joe helps his \_\_\_\_\_.
3. It is a cold winter day, and Joe's sister-in-law is \_\_\_\_\_ snow.
4. Joe looks everywhere for the black plastic bag, but he can't find it. The bag is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The garbage trucks take all the garbage to the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Joe finds boxes and cans with nothing in them. They are \_\_\_\_\_.

## 3 COMPREHENSION

### UNDERSTANDING THE MAIN IDEAS

Complete the sentences. Circle *a* or *b*.

1. Joe is looking for a present for his wife because
  - a. she is in the hospital.
  - ☒ b. her birthday is in two days.
2. Joe buys the expensive coat because
  - a. he loves his wife.
  - b. he is a rich man.
3. Joe puts the coat in a black plastic bag because
  - a. he doesn't want the coat to get dirty.
  - b. he doesn't want his wife to see it.
4. Joe doesn't see the garbage truck because
  - a. he is watching TV.
  - b. he is shoveling snow.
5. The coat smells like onions because
  - a. it was at the garbage dump.
  - b. Joe's wife is cooking onions.