

Do the preparation exercise first. Then read the text and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation

Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

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| slow motion | motionless | period | fright |
| shark | fresh water | jagged | fins |

- Rivers and lakes contain _____.
- A _____ has several rows of teeth for killing fish and other animals.
- Fish have _____ instead of arms and legs.
- Women menstruate, or have their _____, once a month.
- I got a terrible _____ when I saw the snake in my hotel room.
- If a bear attacks you, they say you should pretend to be dead and stay completely _____.
- I cut my feet badly on the _____ rocks in the sea.
- If you watch a film of a horse running in _____, you see there is a moment when all its feet are off the ground.

1. Check your understanding: ordering

Write a number (1–6) to put these events in the order they happened.

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| | | She had bad dreams about sharks and stopped swimming in the sea. |
| | | Her parents and the doctors asked her a lot of questions. |
| | | She went to hospital. |
| | | She explains that she made it happen. |
| | | She watched a lot of shark films and documentaries. |
| | | Something happened to her in the swimming pool. |

2. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | The narrator of the story is sure what happened to her. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | This isn't the first time she has been attacked by a shark. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | Her parents think what happened is their fault. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | The narrator blames her parents for what happened. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | She is braver than she expected. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | The doctors think she imagined the shark attack. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. | Other people have seen the evidence that the shark attacked her. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. | We, the readers, cannot be sure what really happened. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

Discussion

What do you think really happened in the swimming pool?