

CHAPTER-2 | We're Not Afraid to Die... if We Can All Be Together

QUIZ-01

1. What was the name of the boat used by the narrator and his family for the voyage?
- A. Seawalker B. Wavebreaker
C. Wavewalker D. Seafarer (C)

Explanation: The narrator's boat was named Wavewalker, a 23-metre, 30-ton wooden-hulled vessel.

2. Where did the family hire the two crew members to help them?
- A. Sydney B. Cape Town
C. Ile Amsterdam D. Plymouth (B)

Explanation: The family hired Larry Vigil and Herb Seigler in Cape Town to help cross the Southern Indian Ocean.

3. What caused the narrator to be thrown overboard?
- A. A collision with another ship
B. A sudden thunderstorm
C. A gigantic wave
D. Engine failure (C)

Explanation: A giant, vertical wave struck the ship and threw the narrator off the deck into the sea.

4. What serious injury did the narrator sustain during the storm?
- A. Broken leg
B. Cracked ribs and broken teeth
C. Dislocated shoulder D. Fractured arm (B)

Explanation: The narrator suffered cracked ribs and a mouth full of blood and broken teeth.

5. What did the family use to slow the boat down during the storm?
- A. Dropped the anchor B. Cut the sails
C. Dropped the storm jib and used a mooring rope loop
D. Turned the boat into the wind (C)

Explanation: They dropped the storm jib and looped a heavy mooring rope across the stern to slow the boat.

6. What did the narrator use to cover the gaping holes in the starboard side?
- A. Plastic sheets B. Wooden planks
C. Metal plates
D. Canvas and waterproof hatch covers (D)

Explanation: He stretched canvas and secured waterproof hatch covers to temporarily stop the inflow of water.

7. What line did Sue say when asked why she didn't report her injuries earlier?
- A. "I didn't want to burden you."
B. "I thought it wasn't serious."
C. "I didn't want to worry you when you were trying to save us all."
D. "I was too scared to speak." (C)

Explanation: Sue bravely said she didn't want to worry her father while he was trying to save everyone.

8. What device did the narrator use to determine their location after the storm?
- A. GPS B. Compass
C. Sextant D. Radar (C)

Explanation: He used a sextant to calculate their position after the storm had passed.

9. What did the children say when asked if they were afraid to die?
- A. "We will survive."
B. "We want to go home."
C. "We aren't afraid of dying if we can all be together."
D. "Please save us, daddy." (C)

Explanation: Jonathan said, "We aren't afraid of dying if we can all be together."

10. Where did the family finally find rescue?
- A. Reunion Island
B. Cape of Good Hope
C. Ile Amsterdam
D. Madagascar (C)

Explanation: They reached the French scientific base on Ile Amsterdam, where they were helped ashore.