

COMPREHENSION 6PNTS

TEEN SAVES LIFE OF WOMAN WHO SAVED HIM

In an amazing coincidence, a New York State teenager saved the life of a woman and then discovered that she saved his life when he was a child.

Six and a half years ago, Kevin Stephan, then aged 11, was playing baseball when a player accidentally hit him with a bat. Kevin fell down and his heart stopped. Penny Brown, the mother of another player, was watching the game. Penny usually worked in the evenings as a nurse, but luckily that evening she wasn't working. Penny ran to help Kevin and saved his life.

Nearly seven years later, Kevin was washing up in the kitchen of the Hillview Restaurant in Buffalo, New York State. Normally, 17-year-old Kevin had school in the afternoon, but that week there were exams, and he didn't have any classes. At about 2pm, Penny Brown was having lunch with her family in the restaurant. She was eating when some food got stuck in her throat. She was very frightened because she couldn't breathe.

Kevin was a volunteer firefighter in his free time and he ran to help. A waitress tried to help her, but the food was still stuck in Penny's throat. Kevin pulled his hands quickly into her stomach and saved Penny's life. He didn't know it was Penny, but his mother, Lorraine Stephan, was also having lunch in the restaurant. She realised that Penny was the woman who saved Kevin's life, seven years before, at the baseball game. Both Penny and Kevin were completely amazed by the coincidence!

The director of the American Red Cross in Buffalo said: "this story shows the importance of learning first aid. After only four hours of training, Kevin was able to save Penny's life."

A. Read the text choose the correct answer A, B or C to fill in the gaps : 4PNTS

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| <p>1. During the baseball game...</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">A. Kevin's heart stopped.
B. Penny fell down.
C. Kevin hit someone.</p> <p>2. When Kevin was 17 he usually.... In the afternoon.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">A. Worked in a restaurant
B. Studied at school
C. Worked as a firefighter</p> | <p>3. Penny was at the game because...</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">A. Her son was playing baseball.
B. She liked baseball.
C. She was working as a nurse.</p> <p>4. Penny couldn't breathe because...</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">A. She was frightened.
B. The food was in her throat.
C. Her heart stopped.</p> |
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B. Answer the questions from the text: 2PNTS

1. How was Kevin rescued from death?-----

2. How many years were there between the two important events?-----

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C. Complete with the verbs in the past simple or the past continuous: 4PNTS

Debbie Parkhurst's dog, Toby, saved her life. Debbie 1) ----- (eat) an apple at her home on Friday when a piece of apple 2) ----- (get) stuck in her throat. She tried to remove it herself but it 3) ----- (not work). While she 4) ----- (hit) herself on the chest, Toby 5) ----- (see) what was happening. He 6) ----- (push) her to the ground and 7) ----- (jump) up and down on her. The piece of apple 8) ----- (come out) and Debbie is now fine.

