

Grade 8 self-study pack 1 (Feb 2020) – Answer key

Please see the answers below and mark your work for the previous weeks.

Man and mutt escape icy death

1. B. She saw some animals.
2. Kevin walked into the water to try and rescue the man and the dog but the water was strong so he couldn't get to them. Then Erik's hands were frozen so he couldn't grab them. Finally he hooked up a rope to his truck and tied it around his waist and went back into the freezing water. His third attempt was successful.
3. Kevin was very grateful for Phillips saving his life. They had formed a strong bond from this scary experience.
4. "Not a soul was in sight".
5. He was driving a truck.
6. He began to feel numb and weak.
7. They keep in touch by sending emails and visiting each other.
8. "Bolted" and "Plunged".
9. Security company manager.
10. The current was too strong.

Train track terror

1. D
2. Alex was lucky because she wasn't electrocuted by the tracks; she landed elsewhere.
3. Derrian had "suffered scratches and a broken arm."
4. Ed Rendell is the governor of Pennsylvania.
5. Nikki said that Alex's quick action was "awesome."
6. Alex believes she acted as any normal person would do, and that she was not necessarily brave. The evidence that supports this is the both "Everybody thinks I'm so brave...." "But I am just a normal girl."
7. Alex and Nikki lived with their mother.
8. Nikki now lives with Derrian's father.
9. Alex is Derrian's aunt as she is Nikki's sister.
10. Alex saw the baby's arm moving under the stroller, so she knew he was still alive.

Real-life “Daredevil” rescues friend from fire

1. Sherman used his cane and the fence to help guide him back to his house.
2. Annie and her daughter were both grateful for Sherman’s rescue. Debbie found it difficult to find suitable words to express the enormity of her gratitude. Annie focuses on Sherman’s difficulty in performing the rescue whilst he is blind.
3. ‘Keep an ear out’ would mean; to be listening and always prepared if any problems arise.
4. ‘Sherman sprang in to action’.
5. ‘Blindness’ and ‘Alzheimer’s’.
6. The cartoon picture shows a brave hero, acting quickly to make a brave rescue. Sherman’s actions are therefore being compared to that of the brave ‘daredevil’ in the picture.
7. ‘It was like an oven’. This refers to the temperature inside the burning house.

School bus shock and sadness

1. C
2. Staring out of the window (Others chatting and listening to music)
3. Calm, thoughtful, serene, or any other acceptable synonym
4. Freshman
5. “The kids missed their grandfatherly driver”
6. She took care of the driver and told him he would be okay (or words to that effect)
7. Careering, skidded, swerving
8. “cries of fear”
9. Students going to school on a normal day were shocked when the bus started swerving. The bus driver was having a heart attack. Julie Carson saved the day by removing the driver’s foot from the pedal and stopping the bus.