

Chapter 11

Saving Brandon



Amelia dropped the diet soda and jumped straight into the water. She swam out to the middle of the pool, dove deep down, and grabbed the child under the arms. Then she swam up and pulled him to the surface.

Two men helped pull Amelia and the child out of the water. As Amelia had feared, the child was Brandon. And now he wasn't moving. "Call 911!" Amelia yelled. Then she quickly turned Brandon on his side. After a few seconds, she was very relieved to hear him cough. She didn't need to do CPR—cardiopulmonary resuscitation—the emergency medical procedure that she had learned a few years ago. Brandon continued to cough up a lot of water, but he was breathing independently.

Amelia sat next to Brandon and patted his head reassuringly. At some point, Mrs. Howard woke up, ran over, and began to scream. In a few minutes, the paramedics arrived and evaluated Brandon. Then several people from the hotel staff ran to the scene, including Mr. Medina, the general manager.



They tried to comfort Mrs. Howard and keep her from interfering with Brandon's medical treatment. Finally, Amelia stood up and, still shaking, dried herself off with a towel. "What did you do to my baby?" shrieked Mrs. Howard hysterically.

"That woman saved your son's life," said a paramedic irritably. "You should never allow a child to swim alone. Now please calm down and be quiet."

Answer the questions.

1. What did Amelia drop? What did she jump straight into?
2. Where did she dive? How did she grab the child?
3. What did two men do? Who was the child?
4. What did Amelia yell? What did she quickly do?
5. What was she very relieved to hear?
6. What didn't Amelia need to do?
7. What did Brandon continue to do? How was he breathing?
8. Where did Amelia sit? How did she pat Brandon's head?
9. What did Mrs. Howard do at some point?
10. What did the paramedics do?
11. Who else ran to the scene? What did they try to do?
12. What did Amelia finally do?

A Conversation Near the Pool

Practice the dialog with a partner.



A: Call 911!

B: I'm calling right now!

C: Can you do CPR?

A: Yes. But first let's turn him on his side.

C: Like this?

A: Oh, thank goodness! He's coughing.

C: Should you do CPR now?

A: No, he's breathing independently. Let's wait for the paramedics.

Past-Tense Verbs

A. Write the negative form of each past-tense verb.

1. swam _____

5. shrieked _____

2. dove _____

6. grabbed _____

3. woke up _____

7. stood up _____

4. dropped _____

8. evaluated _____

B. Write affirmative past-tense sentences.

1. She didn't drop the diet soda.

She dropped the diet soda.

2. The paramedics didn't evaluate him.

3. The woman didn't shriek hysterically.

4. He didn't grab the child under the arms.

5. I didn't swim to the middle of the pool.

6. We didn't need to do CPR.

Listening

Listen to the sentences. Write the missing word or words.

1. Amelia _____ the diet soda and jumped _____ into the water.
2. She _____ deep down and grabbed the child under the _____.
3. Then she swam up and _____ him to the _____.
4. Two men helped pull Amelia and the child out of the _____.
5. As Amelia had _____, the _____ was Brandon.
6. And now he wasn't _____. "Call 911!" Amelia _____.
7. Then she quickly _____ Brandon on his _____.
8. After a few _____, she was very relieved to hear him _____.
9. She _____ to do CPR—cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
10. He was _____ independently.

Pronunciation

Check (✓) *d*, *t*, or *id* to show the pronunciation of the final sound in the past-tense verbs below.

	d	t	id		d	t	id
1. evaluated	_____	_____	_____	6. feared	_____	_____	_____
2. shrieked	_____	_____	_____	7. yelled	_____	_____	_____
3. saved	_____	_____	_____	8. dropped	_____	_____	_____
4. patted	_____	_____	_____	9. pulled	_____	_____	_____
5. grabbed	_____	_____	_____	10. screamed	_____	_____	_____

What about you?

Circle Yes or No. Then write questions and ask your partner.

Yes No 1. I sometimes drop things that I am holding.

Do you sometimes drop things that you are holding?

Yes No 2. I sometimes jump straight into the water.

Yes No 3. I know how to swim.

Yes No 4. I know how to dive.

Yes No 5. I know how to pull someone out of the water.

Yes No 6. I sometimes call 911.

Yes No 7. I know how to do CPR.

Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. When do people need to do CPR?
2. What are some ways to comfort a person in an emergency?
3. Did you, or someone you know, ever save a person's life? If so, how?