

SAVED BY DOLPHINS

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Five sentences have been removed from the text below. For each question, choose the correct answer. There are three extra sentences which you do not need to use.

I've always loved the sea, and I started surfing when I was five years old. I live near the beach in California, so I try to get out on the waves every day. (1)..... It was a warm, windy day with some good waves. I was resting on my board and watching a group of bottlenose dolphins playing in the surf a short distance away, when suddenly a great white shark appeared. It was huge, but it moved so fast that I didn't see it coming.

The shark tried to bite me, but it couldn't get its teeth around me and the board. It tore a big chunk out of the board, but I wasn't hurt that time. Then the shark came at me again. (2)..... I stayed calm even though I knew the next bite was probably seconds away. (3)..... I looked up and saw the bottlenose dolphins swimming around me. They formed a circle around me and my surfboard, so the shark couldn't get near me. I was amazed. It was like something out of a film.

I knew a lot of stories about dolphins helping humans, but I never really believed them until it happened to me. Dolphins are very intelligent and they knew what to do to help me stay safe. They stayed close to me until I managed to get back on my board and catch a wave back to the shore, where I collapsed with relief. Someone who was at the beach called an ambulance, and I was taken to hospital.

(4)..... I won't give up my favourite activity. I'm not angry with the shark.

(5)..... I'll always be grateful to the dolphins. They saved my life.

- A I've stayed out of the sea ever since.
- B But the next bite never came.
- C Six weeks later, I was back on my surfboard.
- D Two months ago, I went surfing alone.
- E I've always loved dolphins.
- F I know I was in his home, and he was protecting it.
- G I knew that I would survive the attack.
- H This time it bit my leg and pulled me off my surfboard.