

► **Goal:** understand a news story

► **Focus:** reading for specific information

1 Discuss the questions.

- 1 Have you read any interesting news stories recently? If so, who were they about and what happened?
- 2 What kind of news stories are you interested in? For example, sport, politics, crime, funny stories etc.

2 Look at the photos and read the headline of the news story. What do you think it's going to be about?

3 Read the Focus box. What can help us find the key details in a news story?

Reading for specific information

When we read a news story, we look through it quickly to get the key information. To do this successfully, it helps to look for the answers to these *Wh-* questions:

Who is it about?

What happened?

Where did it happen?

Why/How did it happen?

When did it happen?

What happened in the end?

4 Read the news story and answer the questions.

Underline the parts of the article with the specific information.

- 1 Who is the article about?
- 2 When did the event take place?
- 3 Where did it take place?
- 4 What happened to the Browns?
- 5 Why did it happen?
- 6 What happened in the end?

5 Read the story again and answer the questions.

Underline the parts of the article with the specific information.

- 1 Why did the Browns need to go back to their boat?
- 2 Why didn't their boat come back?
- 3 Why did they swim away from the shore?
- 4 How did they feel while they were out at sea?
- 5 How did they feel after their rescue?

6 Work in pairs and discuss the questions.

- 1 Who was responsible for the situation in the story?
- 2 How could you stop this situation happening again?
- 3 Have you ever had a lucky escape? If so, what happened?

BRITISH DIVERS IN LUCKY ESCAPE

A British couple had a lucky escape last week after they were lost at sea for five terrifying hours. The couple, both in their thirties, were starting a ten-day diving holiday off the coast of Indonesia. With its warm waters and variety of fish and other sea life, this is an excellent place to go diving.

Jim and Sally Brown were looking forward to their holiday but on their first morning, they had a frightening experience. That morning, the Browns went out with a dive boat and entered the water to explore. However, after only a short time under water, they had to go back up to their boat because the sea was getting rough and they couldn't see well. However, when they got to the surface, their boat wasn't there any more. Unknown to them, it was taking other divers to different places along the coast.

The Browns were only a short distance from land but they had to swim away from the shore to avoid some nearby rocks. Then the waves pulled them further out to sea, the sky went very dark and it started to rain. Their five-hour nightmare began.

When people realised that the Browns were missing, two helicopters and more than 20 boats started searching for them. After five hours, the crew of one of the boats finally saw them. They pulled them out of the water and took them back to land. They were thirsty and tired – but they were alive!

According to Sally Brown, they were afraid they were going to die. They were looking out for sharks the whole time. 'We'd like to thank everyone who looked for us. We're very grateful,' she said.

