

Alpha Level 5

The Boy Who  
Wanted to be  
**Famous**



## Word Study

**A** Complete the sentence using words below.

Word Box

~~bedraggled~~, ~~pavement~~, ~~rarest~~, ~~drain~~, ~~actor~~, ~~famous~~, ~~ashore~~, ~~valuable~~

- 1) The boy wanted to be famous.  
*known or recognized by very many people*
- 2) He dreamed about being an actor.  
*a person who acts in a play, movie*
- 3) The cat looked very small and bedraggled.  
*wet or dirty from being in rain or mud*
- 4) The boy was pulled ashore by the lifeguard.  
*on or to the shore of an ocean, sea, lake, or river*
- 5) The sound was coming from underneath the pavement.  
*the hard surface of a road, driveway*
- 6) The drain was covered by a grate.  
*something (such as a pipe) that is used for removing a liquid*
- 7) "I saved the most valuable cat in the world."  
*worth a lot of money*
- 8) "World's rarest cat escapes!"  
*having only a few of its kind in existence*



**B** Change adjectives into adverbs.

Many adjective and change into adverbs by adding -ly.

She was a **happy** child  $\Rightarrow$  She played happily.

- 1) They found a **suspicious** boy.  $\Rightarrow$  Everyone looked at him suspiciously.
- 2) It sounded **awful**.  $\Rightarrow$  He sings awfully.
- 3) We heard a **loud** voice  $\Rightarrow$  The cat meowed loudly.
- 4) The sun is **bright**.  $\Rightarrow$  It is shining brightly.
- 5) He is a **careful** driver.  $\Rightarrow$  He drives carefully.
- 6) My father was **angry**.  $\Rightarrow$  He yelled at me angrily.
- 7) We are **sad**.  $\Rightarrow$  We looked at each other sadly.

## Word Study

**C** Fill in the blank with words in the box below.

Word Box

~~tired,~~ ~~way,~~ ~~by,~~ ~~off,~~ ~~into,~~ ~~sure,~~ ~~down,~~ ~~up~~

- 1) On his way to school, Justin was interviewed by a news reporter.
- 2) "Are you sure you didn't imagine being interviewed?"
- 3) Justin stopped daydreaming and **ran** into the water.
- 4) A group of children **came** by. "Hey!" they said.
- 5) His fingers felt like they were about to **drop** off.
- 6) He **bent** down and pick up the cat.
- 7) Justin looked at the cat **curled** up in his arms.
- 8) Justin never **got** tired of telling the story over.

**D** Complete the sentence using the same pattern.

Gerund : V~ing  
•dream about (of) + ~ing.  
•stop + ~ing,  
•imagine +~ing



He **dreamed about** being a sports star.

- 1) I dreamed of being an actor.
- 2) I imagined winning a gold medal.
- 3) I stopped daydreaming.

Answers can vary

winning a gold medal. daydreaming. playing music being famous  
training for Olympics. being an actor being in the Olympic medal

## Comprehension

### A Answer the following questions.

1) What did the boy want? (p.2)

He wanted to be famous.

2) On the way home, whom did he meet on the street? (p.p.3~4)

a) a reporter    b) a musician    c) a sports player    d) an actor

3) What questions did the reporter ask to Justin? (p. 4)

The reporter asked him lots of questions about the playground being built.

4) Why did Justin's family look at him suspiciously? (p.5)

Because he was not on TV (news).

5) What happened when he jumped into the water? (pp.7~8)

(a) He became a member of the swimming team.

(b) Big wave washed Justin out to sea, so the life guard saved him.

(c) He won the gold medal.

6) How did he become famous? (p.~14)

He saved the rarest cat.

### B Mark the right answer.

1) Justin was good at swimming.

Yes /  No

2) Justin saved a million dollars cat.

Yes / No

3) Justin got tired of telling the story over and over.

Yes /  No

4) Justin was in the newspaper! He really became famous.

Yes / No

# Comprehension

## C Summarize the story

cat, suspiciously, famous

cause

On his way to school, the boy was interviewed by a news reporter.

effect

He was very excited.  
His family sat down to watch the news

cause

The boy didn't appear on TV.

effect

Everyone looked at him  
suspiciously.

cause

The boy saved most valuable  
cat in the world.

effect

He was in the paper.  
\_He became famous.\_

## D Write and Speak

### Daily News

BOY SAVES MISSING MILLION DOLLAR CAT



when

On his way home from school,

who

Justin

what

heard a strange noise

where

from underneath the pavement

how

He lifted the grate. Then he bent down and pick up the cat.

why

It is the rarest cat with big blue eyes.

On his way home from school

Justine

Justin heard a strange noise.

from underneath the pavement

It is the rarest cat with big blue eyes